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Tory and Labour attack Bill

Points to win passports in Hong Kong

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

CONSERVATIVE rebels and the Labour Party last night launched a vigorous attack on the nationality chosen by the Governor who have provided large-scale investment and employment in the colony and scheme for Hong Kong after the Prime Minister spoke of Britain's "solemn duty" to the colony discip in the run-up to the will carn their passports Chinese takeover in 1997. A complicated points system will be introduced. to decide who should be granted the 50,000 British passports to be issued to

key Hong Kong residents.
Details of the scheme were announced after the British Nationality (Hong Kong) Bill was given a formal Commons

Passports will be allocated on the recommendation of the Governor of Hong Kong durough four separate sec-tions: general, disciplined ser-vices, sensitive services and

More than 36,000 places will be awarded under the general section, which covers businessmen and managers, accountants, engineers, information service workers, doctors and scientists, lawyers, and educational staff.

The "disciplined services" section will cover some 7,000 prison staff, members of the emed forces, police, customs d immigration workers. More than 6,000 places will available for those is ensitive services, such as ensor civil servents and those oasidentato be in vulnerable olis, including rouvealists and g journalists and cally active people.

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NEDC fears over industry

British industry could be returning to the days when it was renowned for bad quality and delivery, a meeting of the National Economic Development Council was told.

It was discussing a paper on the deterioration in trade performance, presented by Mr Walter Ettis, director general. The paper said that after the collapse of Britain's trade surplus on banking, insurance, shipping and travel, improved in manufactured goods trade Page 25

'Nuclear' Egypt There are strong indications that, along with a number of other Islamic states, Egypt is close to achieving nuclear capability and the CIA is investigating an Argentine-Egyptian nuclear co-operation

Singer dies



Sarah Vaughan, the American jazz singer who was once described by Elia Fitzgerald as the most talented singer in the world today, has died at her beme in California, aged 66. Obituary, page 16

Law results

The Law Society's Final Examination, Winter 1990 resaits will be published in The Times tomorrow. Copies will be on sale this evening at 10.00 at Victoria, Charing Cross and Kings Cross stations and at Leicester Square.

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> Although the London anctioneers are brushing off their awesome unsold figures, there is apprehension about world expert, Mr Petrides. Many of

employment in the colony and whose departure would under-

People in the general and sciplined services sections according to a points system-governed by age, experience, education, proficency in Eng-lish and British links. The main beneficiaries will be those in the 30 to 40 age group.

company staff would have been given preferential treatment have been dropped.

The Government faces one of its biggest revolts over the Bill, which has been the subject of prolonged Cabinet argument. Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary, said "It is clear that the emigration which has been going on from Hong Kong has been deeply unsettling and

Mr Norman Tebbit, the man, is leading the backbench revolt. Last night he was holding his fire until the second reading, but his allies were outspoken in their at-tacks. Mr Tim Janman, MP for Thurrock, said it was a complete nonsense that

st with Britain. Mr Tebbit's supporters have claimed that up to 80 Tory MPs would not support the Bill, aithough the Govern-

second reading of the Bill, just although up to 20 Labour MPs on same lobby as Mr Tebbit.

Mr Roy Hattersley, the shadow Home Secretary, described the Bill as a "wicked piece of legislation". To allow 50,000 heads of household and their dependents into Britain before the many ap-plicants now awaiting entry would be "a denial of basic

He said: "This Bill grants of wealth, power and infinence." It gave privileged
protection from existing into all Hong Kong British
subjects. However they conlimited scheme was

qualifying for a passport.

"This Bill is worse than we had expected. The Shadow Cabinet decided unanimously that we should oppose the Bill on second reading and insist

that the committee stage be taken on the floor of the House." The Government remains confident of getting a second reading for the Bill on

jam parliamentary business until July — could be tight, but be on the guillotine that it will

earnestly hoped the Bill would get through Parliament. Briemployed in Hong Kong and to those essential to maintain ing its prosperity. "That is our undertaking, to keep the prosperity going, under the agreement. I see it as matter of see it like that."

Mr Tony Marlow, the rightwondering why the Prime Minister has given precedence of her by the clite of Hong Kong over a commitment freely given to the British people at three successive

"Does she have a death wish? Certainly at the present rate of progress, the political water won't bear her weight

. The details of the Bill were greeted with dismay in Hong Kong, although the Honour Hong Kong Campaign repres ses said it should be just enough to provide a basis on which to restore

Mr Donald Tsang, the Director of Administration in the colony, said the package was a disappointment, but he believed it would help to stem the brain-drain which last year leeched 45,000 people from the territory.

Hong Kong legislators said Britain had a moral responsibility to provide a safe and secure future for the entire population of the colony, better than nothing.

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United Germany 'will reject nuclear arms'

From Martin Fletcher, Washington

REUNIFIED Germany missile launchers, owned and would consider making a controlled by the US. The only declaration renonncing any chemical weapons in West right to have nuclear, biologi- Germany are old American cal or chemical weapons, Herr stocks, now in the process of Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the being destroyed. West German Foreign Minister, said yesterday.

Herr Genscher's suggestion, disclosed after a meeting with President Bush at the White House, was aimed at calming Soviet fears over a reunited Germany becoming a member of the Nato alliance,

West Germany has no nuclear weapons of its own, but operates a battery of 26

By Sarah Jane Checkland

Art Market Correspondent

IN THE wake of catastrophic results

for most of the Impressionist sales in

London this week, there are fears that

the Japanese speculators, who have

lately been fuelling this market, have

The high failure rates follow the

pattern of fall in the Japanese Stock

Exchange, which has nosedived this

week, although by a strange paradox

many of the top prices were paid by

One theory, offered by Sotheby's, is

that "traditional dealers" are standing

firm, while newcomers have taken to

watching the more sombre outlines on

made their exit.

the Japanese.

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of important paintings ever offered, including two Van Gogh portiaits.

Monday night, there was near-disaster

at the Impressionist watercolours and

drawings sale the next day when 57

per cent of the offering went unsold.

tive buying" said Mr James Roundell,

Christie's expert, afterwards. "It is

easy to make generalizations, but if a

picture doesn't appeal, it doesn't

Utrillo, a darling of the Japanese, he said, caused "notable trouble". This

was despite the fact that the artist's

heir. Mr Fabris, had stopped disrupt-

ing auctions by shouting "Fake!", having made it up with the other

Today we have seen some selec-

·Herr Genscher told report-

ers that he was conscious of

Soviet security concerns, It

was therefore important, he

said, for a binding declaration

by a united Germany, "in which we will make it clear

that neither today nor in the

fotore will we have nuclear,

biological or chemical

Impressionists fail to make the same impression the New York sales next month. It is the authentification certificates con-

perhaps the most impressive line-up tain both names. Vlaminck, another Japanese favourite, was on the other hand "red hot", his "Maisons blanches au bord Following a relatively solid, but de l'eau" fetching £198,000, or double cautions first sale at Christie's on

The gloom continued into the afternoon where the failure rate was 42 per cent.

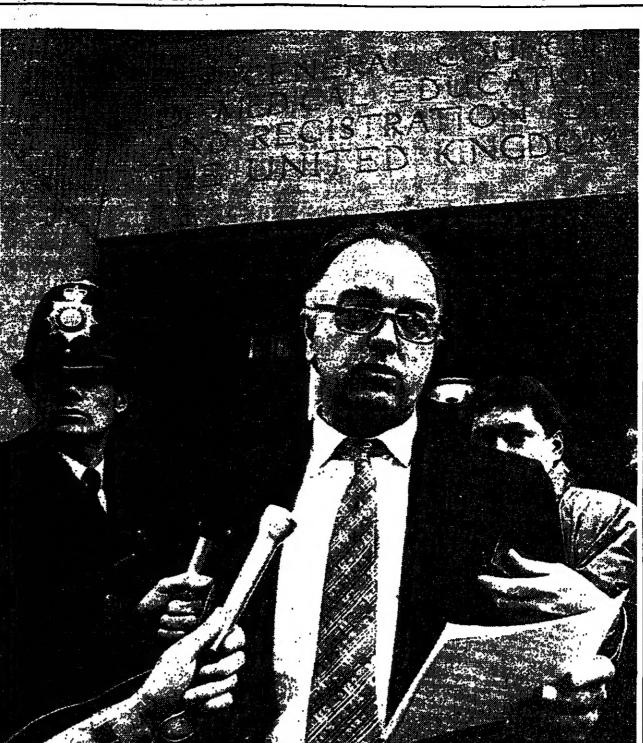
At Sotheby's main sale of paintings on Tuesday night, the unsold figure was 36 per cent, with European buyers just saving the day.

Embarrassed by this result, the auction house initially released a figure of 29 per cent, justifying it by saying that three paintings had been sold privately after the sale. Yesterday, the figure of 36 per cent unsold was repeated at Sotheby's drawings and watercolours sale. "It was quite a rough ride", said Miss Asya Chorley,

the expert, who put her higher success rate down to the fact that her works had higher value, better quality than

the equivalent sale at Christie's." Her observation was that the market has become "more selective, more esoteric", with artists like Kandinsky and Klee doing best. All six top lots were bought by Europeans, top price being £561,000, paid by a French dealer for a felt-tip pen and pastel double portrait by Picasso.

Despite the gloom, there were some good prices. The English painter Ben Nicholson's record was broken at Christie's when "Meridian", his abstract painting of 1953, fetched £440,000. Likewise, Marc Chagall reached a new high at Sotheby's on Tuesday, when his "La mariée sous le baldaquin" fetched a record £3.74 million. It was bought by a Japanese bidder on the telephone.



Labour gains 5 new life

peers By Sheila Gunn Political Reporter

TWO former European Commissioners, Mr Stanley Clin-ton Davis and Mr Ivor sted life peers to strengthen the Labour benches in the

Lords. They are among 14 working peers, including five women approved by the Queen yesterday. They have been picked because of their expertise with most of them earmarked for

front-bench posts. A senior Government source said that Mrs Thatcher was keen to strengthen the role of women in society. At present only 65 out of 1,177 peers (5.5 per cent) are women.

It is the first working peers list for more than three years, although Mr Neil Kinnock and Mr Paddy Ashdown have campaigned strongly for the creation of more life peers because of losses on their benches in the upper House through death and ill health.

The Opposition peers were said, however, to be "spitting with anger" last night that the Prime Minister had insisted on eight new Conservative peers while giving Labour only five and the Liberal Democrats, one. Although she cannot chose the Opposition parties' new peers, she decides

. Labour had a net loss over the past eight years of 16 peers with many others in their eighties and nineties. The present standing of the parties in the Lords is 423 Conservatives; Labour 108; 53 Liberal Democrats: 19 SDP, and 289 independent peers. Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, leader of the Labour peers, said yesterday: "The Oppo-sition warmly welcome the

five new peers."

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Kidney doctor defiant after being struck off

By John Young and David Sapsted

for serious professional

The General Medical Counace ndon n dishonour upon his profession in his conduct towards four Turkish donors who were paid for their kidneys.

The two surgeons involved in the operations, Mr Michael Bewick and Mr Michael Joyce, were also found guilty of serious professional misconduct, but are to be allowed to continue to practise under restrictions.

Mr Bewick will be allowed to work only within the health service for the next three years and will have to submit records of all transplants he carries out. Mr Joyce is banned from taking part in transplants for two years.

Sir Robert Kilpatrick, chairman of the GMC professional conduct committee, said Dr not allow such a view. If these

KING.

DR Raymond Crockett, the Harley Street specialist involved in the sale of kidneys, was yesterday ordered to be struck off the medical register Yenici fell culpably short of the medical register Yenici fell culpably short of Delivering the committee's

entitled to expect. But Dr Crockett, who has 28 cil said he had brought dis- days to appeal, later said he aid not accept the vertici be made a scapegoat for the inadequacies of others hardly justice," he said. "I did

the standard of care they were

the right thing before God. "My concern was with four of my patients who were going to die without an urgent transplant. Four willing Turkish donors were presented to me, and were fully assessed as

fit and willing to give one of their kidneys," he said. "As a result three of my patients did not die, and are fit and well today living a full and happy life. All the four donors

are fit and well without significant complications. "Some would allow a

patient to die before they would accept an unrelated donor. My conscience does

THE Belgian Parliament will

today try to wrest the country

from the gravest constitu-

tional crisis it has suffered for

40 years by using an old law

enabling the King to return to

King Baudouin stood down

from the throne on Monday

after refusing to sign a new law

Partiament will vote on a

motion allowing him to re-

sume the throne without forc-

ing him "to act against his

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legalizing abortion.

Belgians to vote on

reinstating Baudouin

From Peter Guilford, Bressels

Delivering the committee's judgement, Sir Robert told Mr Bewick: "It is your personal and professional tragedy that your conduct has brought into disrepute the practice of renal transplant surgery in the United Kingdom which you had done much to encourage."

Mr Joyce had been wrong to assume he could devolve his professional responsibilities to Mr Bewick. His failure to provide any pre-or post-operative care for the donors led him culpably to disregard those responsibilities.

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Hopes rise of end to prison siege

By Ropald Faux and Ruth Gledhill

THERE was hope last night that the siege of Strangeways prison in Manchester was moving into its final stage as more inmates abandoned their protest.

Earlier the prison's gov-ernor described the "explo-sion of evil" that led to the destruction, the death of a remand prisoner and injury to 50 other prisoners and 19 prison officers.

Last night, after negotiators persuaded about 25 prisoners to surrender, the number of those determined still to defy the prison authorities had dwindled to fewer than 20, according to some reports. The Home Office, however, put the figure at "fewer than 40", adding "I am not aware of any injuries among those who came out today."

With some inmates remain ing on the prison roof, Mr Brenden O'Friel, the governor, speaking for the first time since the riots erupted four days ago, said: "We are dealing with something the size and magnitude of which is unequalled."

Mr Tony Gibbings, aged 19, and Mr Alain Mekloufi, aged 27, both of Oldham, who were held in Strangeways at the weekend, appeared before Oldham magistrates on mo-

toring charges yesterday. Their lawyers said they had both witnessed horrific scenes. Mr Gibbings, who limped into court with arm an leg injuries, had seen three bodies hangin from internal balconies, Mr Robert Vining, his solicitor, said, adding that his client had been attacked by four men

who burst into his cell. "He has seen sights he never wants to see again. He saw at least three bodies hanging, one of which was a 17-year-old boy. He never wants to see the

inside of a prison again. In an adjoining court Mr Mekloufi was said to have been locked in his cell as smoke billowed under the door. He was desperately crying for help and was released only when someone beat the door down, Mr Michael Cheetham, his solicitor, said.

"What he saw was an horrific and terrifying experience. He is now a jibbering wreck," Mr Cheetham added. Mr Gibbings was further remanded in custody. Mr Mekloufi was put on probation.

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Hong Kong told of citizenship by points

By Philip Webster Chief Political Correspondent

ABOUT 20,000 key Hong Kong businessmen will qualify for British passports under the Government's nationality scheme for the colony, outlined yesterday.

The Government's suggested plan to give citizenship to 50,000 heads of household identifies four separate sections who will benefit.

By far the largest is the general 36,200 people, or about 70 per cent of the total, from a wide range of walks of life who are felt to have an important role in maintaining the prosperity and successful nistration of Hong Kong would obtain passports.

They would come from seven broad categories - business and management, accounting, engineering, information services, medicine and science. law and education. The disciplined service

places for people working in the Hong Kong Prisons Department, Customs and Excise, fire services, air force, immigration depart-ment, the Royal Hong Kong Police Force, uniformed members

of the garrison and the operations department of the Independent

Commission Against Corruption.

The sensitive service section would give up to 6,300 places to people who, in the course of serving Hong Kong or United Kingdom interests in a civilian or military role, have been "exposed to special considerations and special factors during the course of their duties." These will include senior police officers, senior civil

The "key entrepreneurs sec-tion" would provide up to 500 places for "well-known and re-spected entrepreneurs" with an

servants, journalists, and others considered to be in "vulnerable"

scale investment and employment in the territory, whose departure would do much to undermine confidence. Candidates for the general and disciplined service sections will be determined by a points system in which age, experience and educational qualifications will be key factors.

The maximum points available would be age (200), experience (150), education and training (150), special circumstances (150), proficiency in English (50), British links (50) and community service (50), a total of 800 points.

Under the age qualification maximum points would be given to those in the 30-40 age group, that which is most likely to emigrate. Points will decrease below the age of 30, and after 40, and people aged 51 or more would lose points up to a maxi-mum of 200 lost points for those aged 60 and above. The experience factor would allow 10 points to be given for each year of relevant working experience up to committee or an auxiliary service a maximum of 15 years.

For businessmen the points would also take account of earnings as a measure of success and value to Hong Kong. Under the education factor up

to 50 points would be given for qualifications obtained during general education, a further 50 for basic vocational and professional qualifications and 50 more for post-vocational training.

Up to 50 points could be scored for British links on the basis of connections with the United Kingdom, including residence, education, substantial investments, close relatives settled here, for service with British firms or for civilian or military service with the Government or Hong Kong

Points would be available under the community service factor for

established by the Hong Kong government.

In selecting people to be recommended for citizenship the Gov-ernor of Hong Kong will have the assistance of a steering group, chaired by the Chief Socretary of the Hong Kong government, including independent including resentatives of the community.

Selection is to take place in two tranches, although the big major-ity, some 87 per cent, will take place in the first. The remainder is reserved for allocation nearer to 1997 to cater for those who would by then have moved into key positions, and to give people who

Under the key entrepreneurs section the Governor would invite those whom he considered might be qualified to submit an applicawho wished to be considered under this scheme to indicate their interest on an application form submitted under the general

The general allocation scheme will cover the following seven categories: Business and management (managers and admin-istrators; business professionals; business and admir ciate professionals) 342,800 (61

Accounting 12,500 (5 per cent). Engineering (engineers and re-lated professionals; architects; planners and surveyors; engineer associate professionals [air traffic controllers]) 57,300 (10 per cent). Information services (informa-tion science professionals [com-puter programmers], news editors and ionrnalists) 10,300 (6 per

Medicine and science (medical doctors; physical and life science cists); nurses and midwives; other medical professionals [dentists and pharmacists]; health associate professionals [physiotherapists and radiographers]) 44,700 (8 per

Law (legal professionals, legal associate professonals) 3,700 (1

per cent). Education (teaching proessionals [post-secondary, example university and technic]; educational a istrators [secondary school principals, etc.; other teaching personnel [secondary and primary]) 82,700 (9 per cent).

The Government camp that the outline published yes terday was an explanation of the scheme it had in mind, and not the final scheme that will be submitted by the Governor of Hone

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LONDON REACTION

China Town greets Bill with weary resignation

By Libby Jukes

HONG KONG Chinese in passports because of what they Britain last night greeted the publication of the National-Hong Kong. It is very ities Bill with pragmatic

It was the same reaction with which they greeted the Sino-British Joint Declaration six years ago, outlining the colony's political structure

There are about 200,000 ethnic Chinese in Britain, the majority of them from Hong Kong, and concentrated in London and the South-east.

The Nationalities Bill was "better than nothing" said the Rev Gilbert Lee, who came to London from Hong Kong two years ago as chaplain to the 100-strong Chinese congrega-tion at St Martin's in the Fields, the parish church of China Town.

"I want to remain neutral. and I recognize that in these situations there is a difference between what the Government should do and what it could do," he said. His Declaration or nothing, and of congregation was by no means united on the question of than nothing. We are in the granting the right of abode in same situation again; we have Britain to Hong Kong citizens. to take what they have

There is a section of the Chinese community here that is worried by the prospect of further immigration, and the competition it will create," Mr Lee said. "These people have been here perhaps 30 years and worked hard to set up their restaurant or launderette, and are naturally conser-

"But there are also those who want to bring over other members of their family to help in the business, not to mention the students and young professionals who want

could face when they return to

Mr Gideon Yung, aged 35, is a postgraduate research student at Christ Church College, Oxford. He went to the House of Commons yesterday just as he has done on several occasions when his native Hong Kong has been the subject of debate, since he

came to Britain five years ago. He also expressed resigna-tion, but described it as an infuriating symptom of the overwhelming and inescapable weakness of the Hong

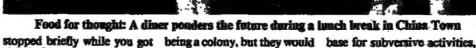
"I do not like to hear that we have been 'sold down the river', because it sounds so passive, when we are very ingry at being betrayed," he

"There is nothing we can do about it. The British Government made it clear to us that we could have the Joint course that document is better

Mr Yung is the spokesman for Hong Kong Link, a London-based lobby group for Kong, and a leader of the campaign for passports to be given to all its citizens.

He said that none of the 150 members of his extended family living in the colony wanted to leave, although he re-iterated the familiar paradox that they would "fight to the death" for the right to do so.

are becoming more nationalis-"Ten years ago, Hong Kong tic, developing their own sense described regularly in the where was a parking lot, where you of identity. "They do not like People's Daily newspaper as a that."



rich, before moving on. Now I obviously rather be British it is no wonder we feel think the Hong Kong Chinese than Chinese. threatened. We would not feel than Chinese.

"When we see Hong Kong threatened if we had some-described regularly in the where to go. It is as simple as THE MACAO CONNECTION

Maude to seek help over boat people disparity

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor

ister of State at the Foreign Office, is to visit Macao, on the Chinese coast near Hong Kong, on Saturday to look into a huge dispanity in the extent to which the two territories are affected by the boat people crisis.

The Portugese-administered enclave's one small camp holds 360 boat people compared with the 55,200 in detention centres and refugee camps in Hong Kong.

The anomaly is causing resentment in Hong Kong because of a suspicion that the Macao authorities encourage arriving boat people to continue their journey to the British colony.

HONG KONG REACTION

liament at midnight Hong future

Mr Norman Tebbit's claim

that the passport package would undermine confidence

in Hong Kong and encourage

more people to leave aroused

fury among leaders of the campaign for the right of

They have always claimed

that a British pessport would give them the security to

remain in Hong Kong.

Another Legislative Councillor, Mr Hui Yin-fat, said
China must bear the respon-

abode in Britain.

Passport package

provokes outrage

IN spite of the importance of sibility for driving people

the Basic Law document abroad to seek pessports and agreed in Peking yesterday, become second-class citizens.

most local attention in Hong He said its regular attacks on

Kong was focused on the Hong Kong since last summer British nationality package, had done nothing to restore due to be announced in Par-confidence in the territory's

accepts that most boat people acceptable levels. The two would carry on without en- governments are keen to see couragement. Most Vietnamese boats arriving in Macao do so by mistake, through bad

It would, however, like the support of the Macao authorities and Portugal in its policy of sending boat people back to Vietnam. Mr Maude is likely to raise this in talks with the governor, Senhor Carlos Melancia.

Lisbon, unlike London and Hong Kong, continues to treat all boat people as refugees, whether or not they meet the United Nations definition by having a "well-founded fear of

The British Government is Britain and Hong Kong not strongly critical of the ended this policy in 1988

Local police were particu-larly angry that the nationality

package seemed unlikely to

make allowances for a large number of policemen, who regard themselves as loyal

Civil servants, too, were

upset that the Government

appeared to be abandoning

225,000 passports on offer to

overnment officers and their

to businessmen and pro-fessionals instead.

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servants of the Crown.

MR FRANCIS Mande, Min- Macao authorities because it when the influx reached unothers follow their distinction between refugees and eco-nomic migrants.

Macao is as much a port of "first asylum" as Hong Kong
— in theory. The principle was established by a Geneva con-ference in 1979 in which Britain and Portugal took part. It established that people fleeing Vietnam had a right to stay temporarily at ports in the region where they landed, pending resettlement in third countries. The willingness of other countries to accept them, however, declined as

the numbers increased. Macao is due to revert to Chinese administration in 1999, two years after Hong Kong. This may result in a large exodus of Macao Chinese to Portugal, from where they would have a right to move to other European

Community countries. Almost a quarter of the population of 400,000 are entitled to Portugese passports. As with Hong Kong, much of the population con-sists of children of people who entered the territory illegally

A near-riet broke out there last week after the Portuguese authorities announced an amnesty for the parents of illegal immigrants who had managed to obtain residents' permits. The authorities offered 4,200 extra permits, but about 40,000 people tried to force their way into a greyhound stadium where applications

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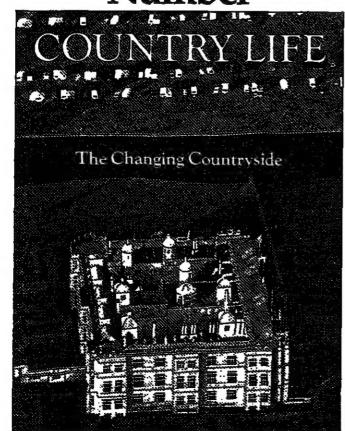
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were being bandled. More than 100 people were injured in the stampede and police fired warning shots and people. Portuguese sources said calm had since been

Mr Maude's visit to Macao will be a side-excursion during a six-day trip to Hong Kong.

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EVERY THURSDAY

Charities face code on linking grants to policy

spend annually on voluntary bodies, including thousands of charities, should be more clearly linked to the achievement of government policies, ministers said yesterday.

The proposal, which sparked immediate concern yesterday among some leading charities, is one of seven principles which ministers may use in future when deciding on funding applications from more than 10,000 vol-untary bodies at present receiving Whitehall grants.

Taxpayer support for the voluntary sector has always broadly reflected government policy but until now ministers have not felt the need to codify the assumption. They are also seeking far better monitoring of the way in which grants are spent and scrupulous adherence to the rules barring party political campaigning by gov-ernment-supported groups.

The proposed criteria were announced by Mr David Waddington, the Home Sec-retary, after the publication yesterday of an efficiency scrutiny of Whitehall funding of schemes, ranging from large-scale government job training programmes to citi-zens' advice bureaux.

To the satisfaction of voluntary bodies, the report's main criticisms were centred on those paying grants, not on the recipients.

Departments, the report said, were successfully using voluntary bodies to deliver large-scale programmes like employment training and the Youth Training Scheme, but were less good at supporting smaller organizations and projects. Officials were not clear enough what the funds

THE £2 billion taxpayers were meant to achieve and about the Government's tended to respond to ideas in an ad hoc way, rather than proposals fitted in with "key

policy objectives". The report, the biggest efficiency investigation ever conducted by Whitehall, also voiced concern that officials responsible for indefinite grants - about 63 per cent of unconvinced that the money was being spent on policy

"Departments were refuctant to question the relevance of the work of bodies which had received grant for a long time because of the political sensitivities of ending a grant", it said. In one of its few main

criticisms of the sector, described as the "third force" in British society, the report urged voluntary groups to do more to discover whether they met "customers' needs".

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations welcomed the report as a vindicahad made for many years



supervision of funding.

It said, however, that attempts to make funding reflect government policy more

closely could undermine the independence of the voluntary sector, its "great strength". "There is a danger the sector could become a simple extension of government policy. This could undermine its ability to take up issues which it is not handling, but urgently need addressing," Miss Usha Prashar, the council's director,

Organizations "sub-con tracted" to deliver govern-ment services had clearly to reflect departmental policy.
Other voluntary groups, however, provided important public services where they acted as the "conscience of the

Government".

Miss Prashar also said she would be seeking urgent clarification from ministers on their suggestion that beneficiary bodies should uphold "accepted ethical stan-dards" such as support for family life. She suggested this criterion might endanger the funding of groups working, for example, with one-parent families or Aids sufferers.

Mr John Patten, Home Office Minister of State and chairman of the inter-ministerial group on voluntary bodies, said it was a "reasonable assumption" that funding should reflect policy aims. He indicated the principle would be adopted with tact and some flexibility by officials.

He also gave an assirance that any new guidelines would not lead to a cut in overall taxpayer support for the sector. There would be "no trimming of budgets".

Clarke agrees to monitoring of NHS standards

principle last night to setting provide assurances up a body to monitor clinical body would be a credible standards in the health service organization with the necessary teeth. "Our concerns about the detail and how it The move was seen as a

Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Seoretary of State for Health, who has argued that there was no need for a national inspectorate to oversee standards. He has maintained that quality standards should be set at local level in contracts

drawn up between health authorities and hospitals. After a two-hour meeting with representatives of the Royal Medical and Nursing Colleges, however, Mr Clarke appeared to give in to their demands for a national organization to monitor the care of all NHS patients whether they were in self-

managed or private hospitals.

Further discussions will be held on the terms of reference of the new body and bow it will operate. The colleges' leaders agreed last night that the move was a significant step forward, al-though it did not address their main concerns about the

general secretary of the Royal College of Nursing, said the RCM had consistently advocated an independent inspectorate to guarantee standards of care.

"Teday's proposal from the she said. She said, however, practices.

15 resourced." ignificant concession from

The new body is expected to be made up of representatives from the royal medical and nursing colleges under a lay chairman appointed by the Secretary of State. Its role could be similar to the Health Advisory Service, which now advises the Gov-ernment on standards of care

for the elderly and the men-tally ill in both the health and The concession, however, unlikely to appease the 25 organizations including the royal colleges which last week called for a three-week pilot. study on the reforms in two regional health authorities.
Miss Hancock said that

these concerns had been put forward yesterday afternoon to Mr Clarke but said that be had made little response. Earlier Mr Clarke announced that he had asked the General Medical Council and private sector representatives

to look at ways of developing medical audit in the indepenspeed in which the health dent health care sector, service reforms are to be The move which ties in with introduced.

Miss Christine Hancock, in the wake of concerns about standards in private hospitals, which were highlighted during the cases recently my gated by the General Medical

Mr Clarke said that the Health Secretary is a signifi-cant move in our direction." Act should stamp out these

Fugitive guilty of handling cash from biggest raid

FREDERICK Foreman, who the defence, accused the Span-released from prison in 1975 was expelled as an "unwanted ish officers of fabricating the and was quickly re-arrested, alien" from his self-imposed confession under pressure only to be cleared of murderexile in Spain last year, was from British police wishing to ing Thomas "Ginger" Marks. convicted yesterday of han-ding £363,000 of the proceeds

The prosecution case had robbery, he hastened to the so-

robbery at the Security Ex- robbery. press headquarters in Shoreyears ago this week.

Foreman, who was said to have boasted about the robbery to Spanish police, was Starkleigh Way, Southwark, also convicted of making an south London untrue statement to procure a In the months that folgassport in the name of lowed Foreman banked more George Walters. He will be than £363,000, most of which sentenced at the Central Crimwas transferred to Spain.

Mr Michael Worsley, QC, for the prosecution, had said that Foreman — believing himself safe from the 1985 treaty between Britain and Spain which precludes retroconfessed his part in the raid to two Spanish police officers. But Mr John Mathew, QC, for

The Duke avoids grislier details

quality newspapers a case which had been deemed fit

By Robin Young

only for the tabloids. It is the tradition that distinguished visitors sit in look up to the sky and be briefly on proceedings in thankful you can see it." briefly on proceedings in Court One, the theatre in

Court One, with its skylit roof, commodious public gal-lery and capacious dock, is in every sense a showpiece of permanently reserved for guests of the City corporation. Before the case the Duke had bunch in the judges' dining room with its 14th-century

smiffboxes on the tables. At 2pm Mr Justice Rougier took his place on the bench, beneath the ornate City sword. Mr Stephen Batten, QC, rose his case for the defence, and almost immediately had to the love of wild and en- Seymour, aged 50, borrowed stop as 21 members of the dangered birds of Miss Lynn £240,000 from a bank to settle stop as 21 members of the public filed into the gallery above and behind him.

No sooner had Mr Batten started again than the Duke slipped in to the back bench

beneath the gallery. Mr Batten said that the murder case had been pre-sented in the tabloid newspapers as being about "four in a bed sex romps".

"It is not," he said, adding that: "If they are looking for much excitement this afternoon they are going to be

The Duke looked about alertly, listened with his fingers to his cheek, and then started exercising his face muscles distractedly.

He leant forward and listened intently while the witness described why he felt the defendant's depression was such as to diminish his responsibility for his crime, but after 43 minutes as the questioning neared the fatal attack the Duke nodded to his escorts and left.

He heard no account of the alleged murder, let alone any sex romps, but you do not have to sit through the grisly details to get an impression of how the courts work.

to their sets.

of Britain's biggest cash raid.

The prosecution case man rootery, he manufacture in also relied on the sudden "rags" called Costa del Crime in He was cleared, however, of to riches" improvement in Spain, a familiar figure in silk taking part in the £6 million Foreman's finances since the suit and mandatory sun-Foreman had less than £75

was granted a rent reduction on the council flat he shared

During the raid, a gang of masked men poured petrol. over Mr James Alcock, a Security Express employee, and forced him to hand over keys to a strongroom, before escaping with £5,961,097 — which weighed five tons.

Foreman's life history as a sometime boxer, publican and member of the Kray gang reads like an impressive entry from a Who's Who of the post-

In 1948, he and 10 other miscreants were ordered to be taken to the cells at the Central Criminal Court so they could experience the feel of life behind bars.

his accomplices had been bound over for wrecking a Methodist youth club armed THE Duke of Edinburgh visited the Central Criminal Courts of Justice yesterday, bringing to the attention of Sir Gerald Dodson, the Cost with the control of Sir Gerald Dodson, the Cost will be control to the cost of the co

Recorder, told the 11 youths that the experience should serve as a lifelong lesson and added: "When you come out

In 1969, he was jailed for 10 years for helping the twins dispose of the body of Jack "The Hat" McVitie.

In the same year, he and leather benches at the back are Reginald Kray were acquitted parmanently reserved for murdering Frank "Mad anests of the City corporation. Axeman" Mitchell, who had escaped from Dartmoor Pri- who has so far to son in 1966. Foreman was sion from Spain.

glasses, where he bought a portfolio of luxury apartments ditch, east London, seven in the bank before the raid and in the Alcazaba district of

> He was unceremoniously elected from his Spanish haven last year largely because he loved to boast of his

criminal exploits.

When questioned by Span-ish detectives about other matters, he bragged that the

Foreman felt confident he would be able to continue his sunshine and sangua lifestyle because Britain's extradition treaty with Spain was not retrospective. The Spanish deas an undesirable alien and upon his arrival at Heathrow sirport he was arrested by jubilant British detectives.

His share of the proceeds was carefully deposited in a number of foreign bank accounts, some specially opened for the purpose An underworld tip led to the

Then aged 16, Foreman and accest of a number of men suspected of involvement in the Security Express robbery, including John and James

the Costa del Sol villa owned by their brother Ronnie Knight, whom Foreman is said to have implicated in the

In June 1985, John Knight both jailed for 22 years after being found guilty of robbery. Court One, the theatre in which many of the most ing and embacked on a career famous murder trials have ben played out.

Court One, with its shall be shall William Hickson six years for handling

warning

on salads

By Nicholas Watt

SUPERMARKETS are still

selling food with unacceptably high levels of bacteria includ-ing poisonous organisms such as listeria, Which? magazine

No listeria was found in 108

cook-chill meals bought from

four high street food stores. E

coli, however was found in

two Marks & Spencer goulash

dishes and one packet of

Tesco enchiladas at levels that

would not be harmful but

which highlight poor hygiene in the production process, the

Mr Barry Hyman, of Marks

& Spencer, said he was disappointed the tests found bacteria in their goulash dishes but added that the

company had the highest stan-

dards of microbiological test-

The British Retailers'

Association, which represents 90 per cent of retailers, said:

"We condemn this scare-

mongering." Which? was

being "naive in the extreme"

to compare bacteria levels in

salads, which naturally con-

magazine says.

ing in the country.

says today.

The following year, Scot-land Yard issued warrants for the arrest of others they believed to be involved. Foreman was on the list, which also included Ronnie Knight, who has so far resisted expul-

Ballet star bankrupt over love of birds

Seymour, the ballet dancer, has cost her dearly. The Canadian-born dancer has gone bankrupt with debts of £156,279 after the crash of her Timsbury Wild Fowl

Miss Seymour operated the business from a manor house she bought in 1984, a year after marrying for the fourth time. She gave her new hus-band the gift of a half interest in the house, but the couple

separated in 1986. In a report to Miss Sey-mour's creditors it is revealed that in 1981 she was earning about £20,000 a year dancing for various ballet companies. But later her earnings decreased, as she was no longer

dancing the full repertoire. In 1987 she and a man set up a partnership to run Timsbury Wild Fowl and another business called Artists In Action. The idea was to breed wild and endangered birds

and sell them to collectors. Banks provided the capital for the ventures. There were heavy losses, estimated in the report at £100,000, however, and trading ceased in November 1988. The report also reveals that in 1988 Miss

her divorce proceedings.

Miss Seymour has blamed the collapse of Artists In Action to being unable to compete in a very competitive area and the failure of Timsbury Wild Fowl to the high capital outlay needed to buy breeding birds.

• The Reverend Michael Roberts, vicar of All Saints Church in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, has annoved bird lovers by ordering more than 100 pigeons, whose droppings have corroded masonry and disrupted funerals and weddings, to be killed.

Panama tries to resolve row

Panama City - Panama is trying to ease tensions with Mexico following President Endara's remarks on the Mexican political system.

On Saturday, Mr Endara accused the Mexican Government of holding power through fraudulent elections. Mexico issued a protest note on Monday. However, diplomatic ties are unlikely to be severed (Reuter) cook-chill food. dispute.



Reporter faces jail as Lords reject appeal over source

By Frances Glbb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

unanimously rejected his ap- society". tial information.

challenged before the Euro- should prevail. pean Commission of Human additional capital.

The information is thought to have come from a stolen document. The company wants disclosure of the source

so it can identify the thief. Mr Goodwin, aged 23, a trainee reporter on the Engineer magazine, appeared shaken by the Lords' ruling for which he was also ordered to pay costs. He has not yet decided whether to comply with the court order. "I am going to go away over the weekend, read through the Lords' judgement and con-

sider my situation." It is likely that Company X, which cannot be named because of a court order, and which has throughout emphasized the need for urgency, will return to the High Court for the order - made in November by Mr Justice Hoffmann to be enforced and ask for Mr Goodwin to be jailed or fined for contempt.

In his lead judgement yes-terday, Lord Bridge of Harwich said no journalist had a right of "conscientious objection" entitling him to set

A JOURNALIST faces the himself above the law. That threat of a jail sentence for doctrine directly undermines contempt of court after the the rule of law and is wholly House of Lords yesterday unacceptable in a democratic

peal against a judge's order to It was for the courts to hand over notes identifying decide in any given case his source of leaked confiden- whether the statutory protection given to journalists In a ruling which may be against disclosure of sources

Mr Geoffrey Bindman, for Rights in Strasbourg, five law Mr Goodwin, last night lords upheld a High Court criticized the decision as order requiring Mr William "thoroughly unsatisfactory" Goodwin to surrender notes and one which made it impos of a telephone conversation in sible "for a journalist or which he was told details of a anyone contemplating giving company's plan for raising information to the press to know if the courts are going to order that their identity be disclosed."

The ruling was a "major deterrent" to those with important information to give to European Commission on Human Rights was being considered.

Parliament had "quite plainly, in section 10 of the 1981 Contempt of Court Act, stated that journalists' sources were to be protected, except in very unusual circumstances which are spelled out," Mr Bindman said.

One of those was described as the interests of justice. "The Lords have interpreted that so widely that virtually any conanybody would want to seek disclosure of a source can be covered by that exception."

Morgan Grampian, pub-lishers of the magazine, said the decision could have "scrious repercussions for business journalism and, indeed, for all

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Defendants acquitted to keep community peace

Smoking is still on

decline says survey

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

THE number of people who increased from 34 to 35 per

smoke is continuing to fall but cent. The survey showed that

those who persist are smoking despite a 4 per cent fall since

more, according to figures 1986, 37 per cent of men and

published yesterday by the women aged 20-24 smoke.

threstening to kill a policeman were acquested at Birmingham the prosecution accepted the verdicts would help restore peace in an inner-city area.

The magazine's findings, The court was told there which have met with a strong was good evidence against the three defendants, all of Asian response from the food in-dustry, found listeria in two coleslaw salads and the harmorigin, who denied threatento kill Police Constable ful E coli in two other Tariq Somra last year, when Out of 40 ready-to-eat salads there had been "high tension" tested many were contami-nated with bacteria at 10 times and factional rivalry in the Handsworth area of Birthe accepted levels of 100,000 per gramme and only six

prosecution, told the court Which? advises pregnant that PC Somra had helped these incidents and peace women, the very young and elderly people to avoid these

Office of Population Censuses

Statistics for 1988 show that

33 per cent of men and 30 per

cent of women over 16 smoke

cigarettes compared with 35

per cent of men and 31 per

The survey found, however,

that the average male smoker consumed 120 cigarettes a

week and the average female

99 in 1988, compared with 115

Smoking decreased in near-

and 97 respectively in 1986.

cent of women in 1986.

and Surveys.

THREE men accused of bring peace to the community. brought to the streets." It was alleged that the three men, all from Handsworth, had threatened to kill him and

Mr Arnold said yesterday: "PC Somra is held in very high esteem on all sides and is very important for the contin-At the time there had been an outbreak of serious rivalry between two sections in the community. Since April 1989 there has been a significant Mr Peter Arnold, for the improvement in the behaviour of people involved in

The lowest proportion of

smokers is found in the 60 and

over age group where only 23

The latest figures show a

similar association with pre-

vious years between smoking

and socio-economic groups.

Prevalence was higher for

those in manual rather than

Between 1986 and 1988 there

was also evidence of smokers

turning to lower tar brands.

non-manual occupations.

per cent smoke.

dants, Mr Arnold said: "That is not to say there is not good burn down his house when he evidence against them but in was off duty in a local Indian this particular case the balance has come down in favour of peace in the community and faith in community policing."

Judge Ian Black, QC, di-

rected that verdicts of not guilty should be returned against the three men. He said: "It is obvious that within your community there has been much tension. It is equally obvious that the restoration of peace in the community is of paramount importance. With that in view, the prosecution has sensibly been willing to accept these pleas."

He directed that two of the defendants, Jasbir Singh Dhaliwal, aged 23, and Salinder Singh Kandhola, aged 26, should be found not guilty on charges of threatening to destroy property and violent disorder. They were bound over to keep the peace for 12 months.

The judge also instructed that the third defendant, Raj Kumar, aged 25, should be found not guilty on a charge of threatening to destroy property. The prosecution accepted his plea of guilty to a charge of using threatening words and behaviour. He was conditionally discharged for 12 months.

West Midlands police said the decision had been reached after consultations between all the parties. A spokesman said that

binding over defendants was a form of preventive justice that had been used since Norman

Jobs plan for Belfast unveiled

A GOVERNMENT scheme to regenerate the areas of west and north Belfast worst hit by the troubles over the past 20 years was announced yesterday (Edward Gorman

Mr Richard Needham Minister for the Economy at Stormont, said the Springvale Project, would involve redeveloping 130 acres of land and would, he hoped, attract up to 190 companies create many jobs.

Crash inquiry Mr Neville McCorkhill, driver

of a train in a level-crossing crash near Ballymena, Co Antrim, that left three people dead, may face a manslaughter charge, a Department of Transport public inquiry was told yesterday. It was adjourned after his lawyer said that it could prejudice a trial.

Race offence

The Court of Appeal ruled yesterday that the London Borough of Lambeth broke the 1976 Race Relations Act when it advertised in November 1987 and February 1988 for two coloured people to fill senior management posts in its housing benefits department.

Royal messages

A new set of royal cards featuring Windsor Castle, Caernarion Castle, Holyrood House and Killylea Castle were unveiled yesterday. The Queen will use them to congratulate subjects who reach the age of 100 or

£500,000 claim

A couple yesterday claimed more than £500,000 at Teesside Crown Court from South Tees area health authority after their daughter, Suzanne Thompson, aged nine, was left with the faculties of a baby when an operation for a bowel obstruction in 1981 went

Schools chess qualifiers

ZONAL winners have been decided in the British schools chess championship sponsored by The Times (Raymond Keene writes). The following qualify for semifinals and finals in London. St Columbs, Derry; Dundee High: Royal Grammar, New-Manchester Grammar, Hymers College, Hull; Altrincham Grammar, Queen Mary's Wal-sall; King Edward VI, Birming-ham; Nottingham High; Spalding Grammar; Bedford Modern; Ipswich School; Abingdon School; Bishop Hedley, Merthyr Tydfil; Sir Thomas Riches, Gloucester; Truro School: Portsmouth Grammar; Judd School, Tonbridge: St Paul's School, London: Sutton Manor: Royal Grammar, Guildford: Royal Grammar, High Wyc-ombe; Haberdasher's Estree; Langdon Park, London.

ly all age groups except women aged 35 to 49 where it OPCS Monitor, Cigarette smok-ing 1972 to 1988 (HMSO £1.50). times. tain more, with the limits on Cat-sized horse unearthed

By Nick Nuttall **Technology Correspondent**

A NEW species of horse no bigger than a Siamese cat has been discovered by palaeontologists. The remains, which are more than 50 million years old, could be of the oldest ancestor yet found of today's horse.

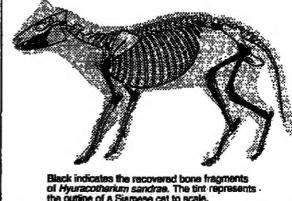
The remains were unearthed by a group led by Professor Philip Gingerich of Michigan University at Clark's Fork Basin in the US state of Wyoming.

If the group's claims are correct, they may provide researchers with valuable clues into an era of evolution still largely unknown, Dr Jerry Hooker, a curator in the fossil mammal section of the Natural History Museum in London, said.

Excellent specimens of primitive horses, including one from Suffolk, have been found across North America and Europe since the last century.

Dr Hooker said. The jaw, teeth and limb

very earliest part of the Eocene, a period known as the "dawn of recent times".



were linked by a land bridge Professor Ginerich said the through Greenland over new species marked the first which species could migrate, step in the history of the horse

Viewing experiment Village TV channel steals the show

By Lin Jenkins

A THRILLING drama of post tor of the experiment to find everything from artistic con-viewers. The 13-year-olds who office robbery written and who watches what when all trol and programme content conducted a series of interacted by local school children channels are available, has to advertising and budgeting is topping the television ratings in a Lancashire village.

The individualistic approach of Mrs Barbara Harri-

son, a butcher's wife, to the culmary arts, with the aid of such excitement since the vicar, the Rev Alan Bailey, half a bottle of sherry, has the powers that be moved the and the junior school headvillage from Yorkshire into master, Mr Peter Conliffe residents of Waddington glued rival Lancashire. While the output is univer-For an experiment being conducted into the village's viewing habits is showing

surprising results. Most of the office is raided by robbers who 3,500 residents would rather are eventually apprehended in of Technology and Lancashine gawp at the amateurish antics of their own family, friends and neighbours than anything the professionals care to offer.

The professionals care to offer. With 47 homes in the ping hobbies as rock-climbing and horse-riding, there are,

village linked to 30 satellite and cable channels and all homes tuned to Britain's hind the scenes. newest channel Waddington Village TV it is the latter a voice raised at WI meetings man, has become a pin-up which is stealing the show. As or the parish council, but the with the Brownies who pester the theme music strikes up at the local TV station has, him for his autograph. 7pm for the hour-long show, according the organizers. Waddington TV has, mean-tion, but the precocious child-ren of the homes time "opened a can of worms". while, provided a springboard ren of Waddington will no in. Granada TV, the perpetra-

sally popular, be it the chil-dren's drama where the post It is run with the help however, bitter disputes be-

Previously there was never

feels confident, however, that the station will survive to run

It is run with the help of students from Salford College Polytechnic and has raised £905 in advertising revenue. Locals are drafted in to help wherever possible. Miss Debbie Winkley, a youth club leader, has become a celebrity since presenting the show and her fellow presenter, Mr Jonathan Brown, a computer sales-

views certainly put their subjects on the spot. One asked Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary and local MP, if he wanted to be Prime Minister. When he replied "no", she retorted: "Why not?" Another put to the vicar the opening question: "What has God done for Waddington?"

The experiment is the largest undertaken in Britain. It is being closely monitored by the Home Office, Department of Trade and Industry, Cable Authority and the IBA, and the results will be analysed by Manchester University's European Institute for the Whatever the results, it will

be impossible to deny that

what the people really want is their own community station. Nevertheless confusion re-So far, the Government has mains over where the horse not considered such an oporiginated, because when

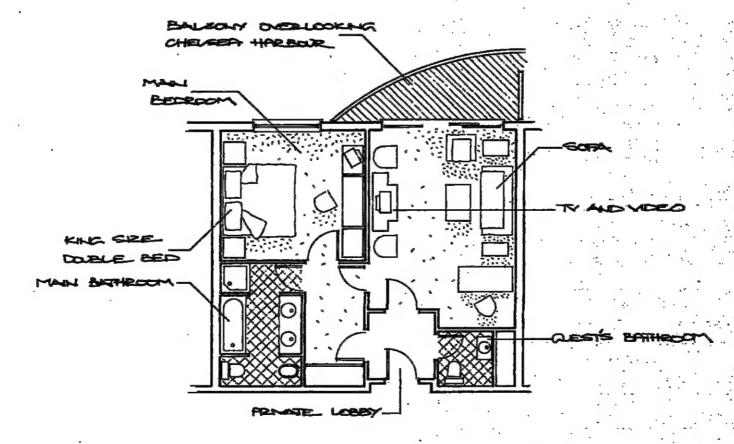
the outline of a Siamese cat to scale.

on the American continent. The modern horse, having bones of the new species have evolved after the arrival of been found in a 250,000-year- much hardier species of grass. old band of sediment from the has much higher adult molars. In the same area of Wyo-

ming, a 2,500-square-mile flood basin, palaeontologists It is believed that the spe- have discovered in closely cies, which has been named successive sediment beds, Hyracotherium sandrae, ancestral cows, sheep, rhinos, swiftly died out and was squirrels, tapirs and oposhorses first emerged on Earth, replaced by another species sums, offering a guide to the Europe and North America similar in size to a small dog. evolution of the mammals. replaced by another species sums, offering a guide to the



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Tories play poll tax card for votes

THE Conservatives yesterday shrugged off the manifest impopularity of the poll tax and made it a central feature of their campaign to keep alive their dwindling strength in Britain's council chambers.

Mr Kenneth Baker, the Conservative Party chairman. unveiling its "battle plan" for the May 3 elections for more than 5,000 seats in England, Scotland and Wales, said: The community charge and the new system of local government [finance] are going to figure very strongly indeed." However, Mr Baker is apparently braced for a further

blow to the Government's forumes even though the Conservatives start from the low base of 727 losses when the same seats were last contested, four years ago.

He declined to offer any forecast of the outcome before eventually saying that he did not expect the party to lose any seats and that it was going on to the offensive to win control of more councils.

Mr Baker and Mr Chris Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, made it clear that the Conservative high command has decided to try to make a virtue of a policy that has unnerved Tory backhenchers and cost the party dearly in the opinion polls.

Under the slogan, "Conservative Councils Cost You Less", the campaign will ask voters to choose between Tory value for money and the "extravagance and waste" of

the Opposition parties. It will attempt to pin blame for high poll tax charges squarely on Labour and Liberal Democrat councils on Labour and and make plain that only the Conservatives can offer relief from crippling bills.

Some Conservative MPs will doubt the wisdom of drawing attention to the most overspending between Tory impopular aspect of Governand Labour councils, with



Mr Kenneth Baker, the Conservative Party chairman, addressing the launch of its local government election campaign, with Mr Chris Patten political concerns leaves them with little option but to gam-

ble on a bold approach. Mr Patten sought to drive £3 a week by voting Tory. home this message at the lannch, in London, as he said: "Anyone who thinks of voting Labour as a protest would be making the most expensive protest of their lives." The choice was between

voting Tory for a low community charge and paying through the nose" for the privilege of voting Labour. Mr Patten and Mr Baker pointed to big differences in

ment policy but ministers can Labour metropolitan districts able socialist double of high tions will involve 36 metro-are defending 1,439; Labour, argue that the rare conjunction of national and local four times as much as Conserten services," Mr Patten said. overspending by more than four times as much as Conservative districts. In London, voters could

save themselves an average of The message was under-lined by a mass of charts, posters and glossy leaflets highlighting Tory thrift and Labour profligacy in areas such as rubbish collection, sent arrears and education. These included the innovation of the "chargeometer", illustrating the fact that the top 10 poll taxes were to be found in Labour authorities,

while six of the bottom 10

Mr Baker said that the only way to bring down the

community charge was by

Both ministers accused Labour of being "cynical and dishonest" by not explaining how its "roof tax" would operate. Mr Baker identified the Labour-run councils of Brent, Ealing and Lambeth as Tory targets, together with the SLD strongholds of Richmond and

voting Conservative.

election. The Tories are defending control of three metropolitan Sutton. Attention will also be directed at results in Bradford, district councils, 54 English Trafford, Wandsworth and non-metropolitan districts and 13 London boroughs. Westminster, where the Tories have wafer-thin majorities. Of 4,538 seats for election in

ents, 121; and others, 22. Of the 524 Scottish seats to election; 115 English nonmetropolitan districts, with a third for re-election; two non-

be contested, the Tories are defending 62, Labour, 225; the Liberal Democrats and the SDP, 41; Independents, 107; the SNP, 37; and others, 52.

The launch of the London arm of the Conservative campaign was attended by Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Transport, who said that more than £6 billion was being spent on road improvements and new rolling stock for Network SouthEast and the London Underground.

Jail riot was an 'explosion of violence'

the prison service".

Mr Brendan O'Friel said: "We are dealing with some- already started on an "orgy of thing the size and magnitude destruction". of which I think is quite unequalled in our history."

Mr O'Friel, who was still unable to account for all the inmates, described the incident as an "act of violence of a size and magnitude that is quite difficult to compre-hend". He said: "What we contact in "all sorts of difficult know about the injuries that the prisoners have inflicted on each other is further evidence be the governor of Strange of what I would describe as the ways prison and a leading explosion of evil that took place on Sunday."

He refused to comment on possible warnings that may nave been given.

Speaking to the media in a house next to the prison, he said: "We have achieved much more than I dared hope when I saw the situation at noon on Sunday."

He could not, however, put figure to the number of prisoners still inside. It was a "much more manageable number" but the prison was still checking where every-

body was.

Mr O'Friel said he was an 'eternal optimist" and was determined to get Strangeways back on its feet.

He added: "I have had some experience at looking at damaged prisons before. I was fortunate enough to go over to Risley the day after the disturbance last year. "We have been dealing in my view with probably the worst incident in the history of the Prison

He described his actions ince the riot began: "At about 11.15 on Sunday morning I was driving not far from my home in the opposite direction to the prison when my

radiopager went off.
"I returned home quite fast, rang the prison and got the news that we were in very

serious trouble. "I headed for the prison at maximum speed. When I got there, which must have been close on noon, I found a situation where I think something like 1,500 prisoners were

THE governor of Strangeways out of our control. We had lost prison said yesterday that the control of the main accomriot there was an "explosion of modation block. We had not violence" which was "the of course got the staff to deal worst incident in the history of with an emergency of this

He said the prisoners had

In the first 24 hours, 1,200 prisoners were shipped out, "an enormous logistical exercise".

Negotiations began late on

Sunday. Mr O'Friel paid tribute to

and dangerous situations". He added: "I am proud to ways prison and a leading governor in the Prison Service. The Prison Service has contained an incident of a magnitude that most thought could not happen to a remarkably effective degree.

Call not to jail sex

By Quentin Cowdry Home Affairs Correspondent

MORE sexual offenders should be punished in the community to reduce the risk of them committing new crimes and to help the management of prisons, a conference was told yesterday.

Offenders are more likely to reform if they are subjected to intensive probation orders, Mr Gordon Read, chairman of the Association of Chief Officers of Probation, said yesterday.

There was, he said, little treatment available for such people in jail.

"Sex offenders in prisons like Strangeways are seg-regated in ways that encourage them to deny their offending, he told the British Association of Social Workers' conference in Co Down.

"Probation programmes outside prison aim to protect potential victims while challenging the offending

were in Tory areas. "Labour offers the miser-England and Wales, the Tories Capping threatens teachers and home helps' jobs says Labour

By Our Political Correspondent

THOUSANDS of teachers and home helps could lose their jobs because of the decision to cap community charges in 20 local authorities, the Labour Party said esterday in a counter-attack on the Government's latest attempt to curb council spending. It also said that schools would have to wait longer for repairs and essential maintenance and that there would be fewer adult in charge levels and still books for children and a loss of maintain a "reasonable" level of

The Opposition riposte came 24 hours after Mr Chris Patten had advised Tory MPs to brace them-selves for "a parade of bleeding stumps in a number of local authorities". The Secretary of State-for the Environment, had insisted. that the councils affected could

As the Conservatives disclosed, however, that they intended to make the poll tax a central feature of their campaign for the country-wide council elections on May 3, Labour sought to turn the clampdown on high-spending councils to its advantage. make reductions of up to £99 per

Mr Jack Straw, its chief education

spokesman, said: "If the cuts fall proportionately on the local teachme forces, then a total of 2,875 teachers may lose their jobs."

Mr Robin Cook, Labour's chief health spokesman, said that if capping was applied pro rata to social security budgets it would be disastrous for the elderly and the handicapped. Total spending would be cut by £28.49 million, requiring the axing of 3,500 home-help jobs.

Mr David Blunkett, an Opposition local government spokesman. disputed the Government's estimate of the administrative costs of rebilling charge-payers in the 20 authorities, saying they could be £38 million rather than the £6 million-£7

million figure quoted by Mr Patten. Mr Patten defended his decision and hinted that next year there might be less need for him to order councils to trim their spending.



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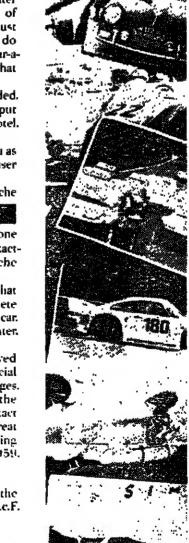
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'Patient wanted to save his life, the donor to save his child'

FERHAT USTA, a Muslim living in Istanbul, was des-perate to sell his kidney to raise money for an operation for his ailing daughter. Colin Benton, a Jew living in Haifa, was desperate for a new kidney to save his life.

The Times can now disclose how these men, who were never to exchange a word with each other, ended up on adjoining operating tables at a private hospital in St John's Wood in London.

It is a story of two individ-uals whose despair led to their involvement with three prominent British doctors, an illegal Anglo-Turkish kidney brokerage business and a system of illicit financial

COLIN BENTON'S STORY Colin Benton, aged 57, an accountant with joint British-Israeli citizenship, had been suffering from kidney disease for 12 years when in January According to Mrs Rochelle 1988 he and his wife arrived in Benton, Dr Crockett then said

London looking for a kidney that a transplant from a live, transplant. They stayed at a unrelated donor was possible transplant. They stayed at a flat found for them by the Israeli Embassy. Mr Benton began receiving dialysis at the Harley Street Clinic, hoping that a suitable cadaver's kid-ney from the United States, the normal source of organs for transplant into private patients in the UK, would become available.

As the weeks passed and Mr Benton's condition deteriorated, the couple were referred to the Harley Street surgery of Dr Raymond Crockett, a prominent nephrologist in private prac-tice and medical director of the National Kidney Centre, a dialysis centre run as char-itable trust in Finchley. In recent years it has dealt almost exclusively with wealthy, overseas patients.

Mr Benton started receiving dialysis there but the cadaveric kidney still did not arrive. but that it would cost an extra

"I didn't know his (the donor's) name. I did know it was a Turkish man whose daughter was very ill and needed money for an operation," she says, adding that Dr Crockett had told her "not to breathe a word" about the fact the kidney was coming from a donor quite unrelated to her

By now, Mr Benton could neither walk nor drive. The couple agreed to the

FERHAT USTA'S STORY Ferhat Usta, aged 34, a print worker, knew he was breaking a Turkish law banning any trade in live organs when he Istanbul newspaper, Hurriyet, offering his kidney for sale. His wife opposed him but Mr Usta, who was earning £10 a week, decided that selling a week, decided that selling a July 1988, bearing a letter part of his body was the only from the National Kidney

Sir Robert Kilpatrick, president of the General Medical Council, made an impassioned plea yesterday for more kidney donors. "There is a vast, unmet need for organs by people whose lives could be saved and transformed by a kidney transplant," he said. "The aim of all those involved in renal transplantation must be to achieve a position whereby this need is eventually met by the supply of cadaveric organs, so that live donor transplant becomes redundant."

an operation on his daughter, Berrin, now aged nine, who was suffering from TB.

"After the advertisements were repeated for four days in the Hurriyet, Riza Nur Kunter (a retired naval officer) phoned me saying he was interested," Mr Usta says. "He said he wanted the kidney for his youngest brother, Ata Nur Kunter, residing in London. I agreed on a price of Kunter, a part-time intersix million lira (about £2,500) preter for Dr Crockett. because I thought I was doing a service to a fellow Turk, another Muslim."

Mr Usta flew to London in

way he could raise money for Centre. The letter, intended to ease his passage through immigration, said that Mr Usta coming to Britain to "join his relative in London who is undergoing a kidney trans-plant operation." It was a lie. LONDON CONNECTION As Colin Benton checked into the Humana Wellington Hospital in north-west London, Ferhat Usta arrived in London to be met by Ata Nur

> On July 15, he was driven by Ata Nur Kunter to the National Kidney Centre. He waited in the car while Mr Kunter went inside to meet Dr Crockett. Mr Ken Westall,

the National Westminster Bank branch at St John's Wood where Dr Crockett and his wife Elizabeth held a joint

The letter read: "Dear Sir, re. cheque 002109: Mr A. Kunter. Please enable Mr Ata Kunter to collect the funds, £3,500 in cash, so a refund may be made to a patient to return overseas on Sunday." It was signed Dr R.E. Crockett.

According to a later conversation between Mr Westall and Mr Kunter - a conversation tape-recorded by The Times without the latter's knowledge - Mr Usta was then driven to the Humana Wellington before Mr Kunter went to the bank and collected the money. THE OPERATION

In hospital, Mr Usta was seen by Mr Michael Bewick, the

then the centre's admin- to be in charge of the opera-istrative director, was asked to tion. He was later to tell The type a letter to the manager of Times that he had waved a £5 note in front of Mr Usta, who spoke no English, to see if he was being paid. He said he relied on the clinician, in this case Dr Crockett, to ensure that a donor was not being

paid or under any duress. Fifteen minutes before the operation, Ata Nur Kunter went to Mr Usta's room, surprising the Turk who still believed that Mr Kunter was due to get his kidney. When Mr Kunter said that this was not so, Mr Usta demanded the

equivalent of £1,800 more. In the operating theatre, Mr Bewick and Mr Michael Joyce, a prologist at Guy's Hospital, waited, Mr Joyce On July 16 1988, the trans-

plant went ahead. EPILOGUE

Dr Raymond Crockett was £66,000 bill after the country's leading kidney • Dr Raymond Crockett was £66,000 transplant surgeon, who was struck off yesterday by a operation.

disciplinary hearing of General Medical Council Mr Michael Bewick and Mr Michael Joyce were found guilty of serious professional

misconduct Tunc Kunter, the brother of Riza and Ata Nur Kunter, was sentenced to two years'

on 10 guille

year for organizing the kidney brokerage trade.

The Humana Wellington Hospital was cleared of any involvement in the kidney trade after an investiga the Bloomsbury Health Anthority.

• Ferhat Usta received £2,500

for his kidney, which paid for an operation on his daughter. Her condition has continued to deteriorate, however, and was to remove Ferhat Usta's now she cannot walk.

kidney, Mr Bewick to transplant it into Colin Benton.

gost 28 1988, just over a

month after receiving Mr Usta's ladney. Mrs Benton also left with an outst

Downfall of a man who dealt in high stakes

THE personalities, attitudes accepted that he had not and actual involvement of the checked that the Turks whose three prominent physicians who became embroiled in the kidney trade in London have always been markedly ett's wealthy foreign patients)

From the start to the inglorious end, Dr Raymond Crockett forcefully and repeatedly denied any knowledge of, or involvement in, the kidney trade, "My head is held high; I will have no trouble at the Pearly Gates," he once told The Times. Yet it was Dr Crockett whom the General Medical Council decided had knowingly participated in

Mr Michael Bewick, on the other hand, has always been a surgeon in a hurry. Nobody in Britain, perhaps nobody in Europe, has successfully couducted more kidney transplants. "We must get off our hacksides and just get on with it," he once told the British Transplantation Society.

The role of the third member of the group, Mr Michael Joyce, aged 46, had always been peripheral. A widely-respected urologist at Guy's Hospital, London, he broke down at the hearing when he

kidneys he had been called in to remove (for transplantation by Mr Bewick into Dr Crockhad not been paid.

Yesterday's decision by the GMC to strike off Dr Crockett appears to mark the end of a career that, in the 1980s, gave him the trappings of wealth, including a £750,000 home overlooking the Thames at Henley, a villa in Sardinia and a ski chalet in Switzerland.

Nobody knows how much the quiet-spoken Ulsterman made from his work as a nephrologist, specializing in treating wealthy or state-spon-sored kidney patients from abroad. It is clear, however, that the stakes were enormous between July 1 and December 31, 1988, the Turkish embassy alone was billed by Dr Crockett for more than £517,000 for the treatment of about 18 patients receiving dialysis at the National Kidney Centre, a charitable institution in Finchley, north Lon-

director until last summer.





GMC hearing. Questions £10,000 were among many about the identity of the others never put to him. paymaster behind the Kunter According to associates, Dr brothers' kidney brokerage operation and about why Dr Crockett authorized at least one payment of £3,500 to Ata Nur Kunter, his former interpreter, from his personal account were never put to him.

Ouestions about allegations that the nephrologist suggested to one kidney sufferer that he could buy a transplant aged between four and 11.

For Mr Bewick, who is 5 nor and about an advertise-Surprisingly, Dr Crockett ment, bearing his name, did not give evidence at the offering to buy a kidney for kidneys and do transplants, he

According to associates, Dr Crockett is a very private man, and Mr Bewick once described the 51-year-old nephrologist as someone who "never appears to be telling you the full truth". His main pleasures away from work centre on skiing and spending time with his five children,

For Mr Bewick, who is 53, been a factor. If, in his determination to harvest cadavers'

From left: Mr Bewick, Mr Joyce and (foreground) Mr Ferhat Usta, with others who gave evidence has left in his wake some frus- was his single-minded devottrated colleagues, he has also ion to transplants — to the restored to health hundreds of exclusion of such administratchronically-ill patients. They owe him their lives.

Yet it was Mr Bewick's paid-that led to his downfall. dedication to "just getting on with it" that, not once, but twice, led to his involvement in paid-for kidneys. On both occasions, he said, he was duped; in 1985, when he paid donor from the Indian when he became involved in

ive niceties as checking adeqnately that donors were not

Dr Chisholm Ogg, head of renal services at Guy's, said: "He is totally devoted to his trade. He really does not do or think anything else but transplantation. It is this enormous conducted a transplant from a commitment which makes him such a hard act to follow unpopular among some of his transplantation colleagues. He Colleagues believe that it is not in it for the money. If a

patient ran out of money, he would still say: 'Come to me'." Unlike Dr Crockett, Mr Bewick has always been much

involved in NHS work, fre-

quently working up to 20 hours a day, and his home, at Sydenham Hill, south-east London, is close to Dulwich Hospital, his main base. He and Mr Joyce maintain that they left clinicians to determine whether donors were paid. In the case of the

Turkish kid

was Dr Crockett.

Hearing could cost up to £1m

By John Young

THE hearing, which began on December 4 and lasted, with intervals, for 33 days was the longest, most expensive and probably the most unusual in the history of the General Medical Council.

With a small army of lawyers, including five QCs, legal fees alone must run into several hundred thousand pounds. Add-to that the hours spent in researching and preparing the case and the cost of bringing witnesses to Landon - including the four Turks from Istanbul who were out up in a West End hotel for nearly two weeks - and the total is unlikely to be far short of £1 million.

All prosecution costs will be met by the council which has about 150,000 members who pay an annual subscription of £30. The doctors costs are likely to be largely met by the Medical Defence Union.

In theory, a doctor does not have to belong to the council but anyone with recognized medical qualifications is obliged to register to practise within the NHS or the armed services and be allowed to prescribe drugs. Hence the ultimate sanction, short of criminal proceedings, is for the council to strike a doctor off the register, which means he effectively loses his

livelihood. The council's most publicized arm is its professional, conduct committee, which has powers to apply to the High

Election deadline missed

A Conservative councillor has lost the chance to retain his safe seat after missing the deadline for nominations for next month's elections by two

Mr John Green, a former mayor of Wokingham District Council, Berkshire, is out of the running after the Conservative agent, Major Russell Matthews, mislaid Mr Green's nomination papers and found them only after the nomination deadline of midday on Tuesday had passed.

Power protest

Brian Lee, who threatened to shoot himself in front of electricity staff in Exeter unless his power was reconnected, was sentenced to three months' jail, suspended for two years, on firearms charges by the city's

Migraine alert

The RAF is reviewing its medical checks after a Phantom fighter crash into the North Sea which may have been caused when the pilot had a migraine attack. The pilot died in the crash in

Back in time

A £6 million holiday village. in 18th-century style with a manor house and 60 stonebuilt cottages near Matlock, Derbyshire, has won planning

Skeleton find

A Bronze Age headless skeleton, thought to be that of a warrior, has been unearthed by a dog in the Brecon

River study

The Anglian region of the National Rivers Authority is io spend £500,000 making a study of wildlife on 4,000 miles of rivers.

Opera goes east The Welsh National Opera is to take productions of Falstaff and Salome to Tokyo.

Seven teachers to lose jobs in budget change

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

SEVEN teachers have been made redundant at a comprehensive school so that it school has a large number of can stay within its budget experienced staff at the top of can stay within its budget under a system of school finance introduced by the Government four days ago. The teachers at the City of the actual costs. The Ely Community College, Cambridgeshire, were told that they had been "identified

for redundancy" from the end of the summer term. The 1,032-pupil school has had a £70,000 cut in its £1.66 million budget as a result of the introduction on April 1 of a new system of funding schools on the basis of the number of pupils on roll. The "price" on each pupil's head

increases with age. The City of Ely's intake of 11-year-olds which rose last year has been more than offset by a sharp fall in the number

Doubt over opt-out school

By David Tytler

THE future of a school allowed to opt out only after Mr John MacGregor, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, had been ordered by the High Court to re-consider his decision to give it grant-maintained status is once again in doubt.

Avon County Council said yesterday that it would return to court to seek a second udicial review on Beechen Cliff School, Bath, as "a matter of urgency". The council claim that Mr MacGregor has still failed to consider the affect that the decision to allow Beechen Cliff to opt out

would have on other children. In rejecting down Avon's scheme, which would have turned Beechen Cliff into a sixth form college, Mr MacGregor said he believed a better scheme could be produced. He offered two options of his own which have been turned down by the county's education committee.

of 15-year-olds. Matters have deliver the curriculum that the

been made worse because the Government has promised to the pay scale. Budgets are director of personnel at calculated on average pay Cambridgeshire County although schools have to pay Cambridgeshire "average" assumes that all teachers are on point seven of the 11-step teachers' pay scale. At the City of Ely College the average is at the top.

Although two of the staff named are considering early retirement, the school will lose its only Latin teacher and teachers of technology, geography, mathematics, science, business studies and home economics. A further three teachers who are leaving at Easter, including Mrs Wendy Down, the deputy principal who made Tuesday's announcement, will not be replaced, cutting 10 from the

A staff meeting yesterday heard calls for strike action to fight the redundancies and the National Union of Teachers promised legal backing for teachers who are to lose their jobs. Mr Doug McAvoy, gen-eral secretary of the NUT, said the loss of teaching jobs as a direct result of the "illthought-out" funding formula bore out fears that it would lead wide-scale 10 redundancies.

"It is absurd that even though the number of pupils in the school will remain unchanged it will lose 10 teachers and will be unable to to dismiss her.

parents," he said.

Mr Bev Curtis, assistant Council, said that every effort would be made to find the teachers jobs at other schools although compulsory redundancies "cannot be ruled out". He said that the teachers would not receive written

notification of redundancy

until all alternatives had been

exhausted. The school's governors had yet to make a formal recommendation to the authority. Mr Curtis said: "Some schools have been putting off getting rid of staff. But the introduction of local management means that now is make

your mind up time." Last month county second ary heads predicted that as many as 40 teachers would be made redundant, but Mr Curtis said that other jobs had been found for all but 14 of those affected. The National Association Schoolmasters/Union of

Women Teachers has claimed

that the introduction of the

new funding system could cost

the jobs of between 15,000 and 30,000 teachers. Last week a Surrey primary school teacher said she had been told she would be made redundant to make way for a younger teacher who was cheaper to employ. The county council said later it

would not allow the governors



MRS Marilya Bowles, Britain's first Primary School cher of the Year, celebrating with her pupils yesterday, when she expressed sympathy with grievances behind the one day strike by the National Association of School Masters/Union of Women Teachers that affected schools out the country (Tom

London, Mrs Bowles, aged 43, who was accompanied by pu pils from her class at Glen mere County Primary School Leicester, said that teacher had "genuine grievances" bat striking should be "a last resort". Mrs Bowles won a 10-Encylopaedia Britannica.

Classroom pay protest fails to halt most schools

By Our Education Reporter

IEADERS of Britain's second the deal reduced its value to largest teachers' union claimed that yesterday's one-day

The strike caused most strike over pay had been a success, in spite of indications that only about one in 10 schools was affected.

The union called its 98,000 state school members in England, Wales and Northern Ireland out on strike in protest at the Government's decision to impose a two-stage 8.3 per cent pay rise from April 1.

Mr Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary-designate of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, said last night: "It was a very successful protest. We were not desprotest. We were not consequence perately keen to close schools. In the West Management across and we did that."

In the West Management another area with strong union support, 10 schools were closed in Birmingham.

refused to join, had "set down a marker that unless some thing happens to improve pay, it is only a question of time before we are back to this kind of confontation".

It was unclear how many union members responded to the strike call, but chartered trains brought an estimated 10,000 teachers from all over England and Wales to London for a lunchtime rally in Hyde

Shivering through an un-seasonable snow-shower, ac-tivists were told by union eaders that the Government had imposed a pay cut on teachers because the staging of

middle schools in Leeds were shut. Ten schools were closed in Grimsby and Scunthorpe, although most of the Humber-side's 439 schools were

Thousands of children in

West Yorkshire were told not

to attend school and several

The strike caused most

disruption in the North of England and Wales. A third of pupils in Welsh schools missed lessons and dozens of

schools were closed.

In Nottinghamshire, 4 NAS/UWT stronghold, one third of the 90 secondary

Five out of 20 secondary schools were shut in Wolver hampton and three were closed in Dudley, with two more seriously disrupted. No. schools were closed in neighbouring Waisall, although lessons were disturbed.
Pickets demonstrated out-

side schools in Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertford-shire and London, However, while some pupils were sent home, few schools were sint. There were no closures in Hampshire, although many schools were reduced to teaching examination classes only. Up to 40 schools were

Eleven out of 41 Dorset schools were closed and 18 were partially shut. Three out of five secondary schools on the Isle of Wight were affected. Somerset only managed to

keep 14 out of 29 second schools open and the county council estimated that 15,000 pupils were affected. Avos said that three of its 480 schools had been shat...

Overall, it appeared that the strike failed to achieve Mr de Grochy's prediction of significant disruption in half the 5,000 secondary schools in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Student scholarship honours Lockerbie victims from the Lockerbie area with univer-

Academy have been chosen as the first students to go to Syracuse University in New York on a scholarship in memory of the 270 victims of the air disaster that hit the town 14 months

Fiona Griffin and Katharine Grant, both aged 16, will spend nine months at the university which lost 35 students in the bombing of a Pan Am

The two scholarships will be

competed for annually by students

sity entrance qualifications in a scheme managed by the Lockerbie and Syracuse University Trust. It will be funded jointly by the university and the air disaster fund which has invested £250,000 for the project. At a ceremony at Lockerbie Acad-

emy yesterday, the protocol setting up the scholarships was signed by Mr David Wilson and Mr Hugh Young, fund trustees who are also teachers at the school and members of Annandale and Eskdale District Council.

Also present were two members of the staff of Syracuse University.

Mr Drew Blake, rector of Lockerbie Academy, who presented the girls with scrolls, said that since the disaster links had been forged between the academy and the university.

"Any memorial from a young person's viewpoint should be living and ongoing and that is what the scholarship will be," he said. The girls would be gaining experience that they would cherish for the rest of their lives, "and they will be acting as our

ambassadors". The two girls were among 14 pupils who competed for the scholarships. They had to write essays saying why they wanted to go to the American university and were selected by Dumfries and Galloway education staff and representatives of

Fiona, who is a Sunday school teacher and school prefect, hopes to study law.

Katharine, who wants to be a doctor, will study a medicine related

Opposition onslaught on loans guillotine

consideration of Lords ma changes to its plans for parents and on taxpayers.

They described as cynical and squahd the guillotine motion which meant that debate on Lords amendments to the Education (Student Loans) Bill had

However, Mr John MacGreg-or, Secretary of State for Edu-cation and Science, said that the House had now reached the

Moving the timetable motion, Mr MacGregor said that the Government had responded positively to points raised in most of the amendments.

These figures refute any suggestion that the Government has deliberately kept Bill short in an attempt to prevent discussion on the liner points of the scheme."

It was important not to have pointless repetition. The motion would help to ensure that the scheme was ready for the start of the next academic year. The Government would soon need to put regulations before Partiament, and then more preparatory work would be needed before the scheme became fully operational.

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Bill would abolish charge

The Commons gave a first reading yesterday to a private for a referendum on the aboli-tion of the Local Government Finance Act, 1988, ment Finance Act, 1986, which introduced the gamminity charge or poll tax.

Mr Jelas Hingles (Coverty North East, Lab), seeking leave under the 10-minute rule to bring in the Poll Tax (Abolition) Bill, wild first the poll tax was interested.

said first the poll tax was im-moral and would make the er and the po power. The poorest had to pay the same as millionaires or millionairesses. The blame for the tax rested solely on the Prime Minister's shoulders. She and her Cabinet were the tax dodgers in

COI agency under way

The Central Office of Information is to become an executive agency from to-day, Mr John Major, Chan-cellor of the Exchequer, announced in a Commons written reply. He said that he had set demanding targets against which performance was to be measured. They would ensure that the COI continued to improve its

11,173 'mad cow' cases

Since bovine spongiform encephalopathy, mad cow dis-ease, was must identified in November 1986 there had been 10,409 cases in Eng-land and 764 cases in Wales, 11,173 cases in all, Mr Jean Genmer, Minister of Agriculture, said in a amons written reply.

Parliament today Commons (9.30): Easter re-

topics.

Fords (11): Debate on EC border controls on people, and on health controls and the internal market. Aviation and Maritime Security Bill, second reading.

STUDENTS

filloustering. The objective of the Bill was to facilitate expansion of higher education, particularly by providing more money for students, and to lighten the load of student. intenance support on their

student loans in six hours

student loans in six hours

was bitterly attacked by
Opposition MPs in the pared with the present grant.

Commons yesterday,

They described as cynical and the guillotine motion. mark of the generosity of the

Mr Jack Straw, chief Oppostion spokesman on education, accused the Government of deliberately withdrawing the threat of a guillotine to lure the Lords, then still considering amendments, into thinking there would not be one. To introduce it are were a special construction. introduce it now was a "cynical and squalid manoeuvre".

Government had responded positively to points raised in most of the amendments.

The Commons and Lords had devoted 90 hours to debate on a Bill of four clauses and two schedules, including about 40 hours in standing committee.

More than 360 amendments had been tabled.

These figures refines

minutes of discussion."

They involved parliamentary scrutiny of the scheme, new powers to force university and college administrations to cooperate without adequate compensation, the position of disabled students, the marketing and financing of loans to students under 18. Some of the key areas had never been discussed in the Commons.

Conservative MPs were en-

Baker upon it.

When Conservative MPs cheered Mr Straw added: "I am glad they can laugh before the sallouse."

gallows."

Mr Baker (now chairman of the Conservative Party) had created teacher shortages and a collapse of teacher morale never experienced before. The man who had invented the poll tax had cut and run and it was the same man who was criting and same man who was cutting and running on the student loans

Those who needed help the most would be denied it as a most would be deated it as a result of changing housing benefit and a cut in the real value of the grant. The scheme, designed by Mr. Baker in be run by the banks, was in administrative chaos. The Government was even having to resort to setting up a nationalized cosporation to run the scheme.

wastes millions in admin-istrative expenses. It was born, ne said, of arrogance and

THE SPEAKER (Mr Bernard Weatherill) told MPs before the start of the debate that one amendment passed by the Lords had to be rejected. He said that they had to disagree with the change which would allow students receiving leans to allow students receiving loans to get housing benefit because it involved a charge on public

Mr Seassas Mallon (Newry and Armagh, SDLP) said that the ruling would do enormous ge to the credibility of the House. The issue was crucially important to students.

Mr Straw orged the Speaker to reconsider the decision. The amendment did not involve spending new money but a continuation of expenditure al-

DEFENCE THE Foreign Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd, should take the side of Chancellor Kohl of West

Thatcher

'loopy'

on arms

Germany, and not that of Britain's "loopy" Prime Min-ister, and oppose modernization up a nationalized corporation to run the scheme.

This loan scheme is morally offensive. It takes money from those who need it and gives it to those who do not want it and wastes millions.

He said that Mrs Margaret Thatcher was totally irrational on this issue, but that the Foreign Secretary, if he was to be at all credible as a candidate for the Tory succession, should take Chancellor Kohl's side.

Which enemy were these weapons aimed at? Was it the President of Czechoslovakia, or the Prime Minister of Poland? Were they aimed at the Soviet troops whom Mrs Thatcher berself had said should continue

Mr Dosglas Hard, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said that the purpose of all forces, conventional or nuclear, was to deter any possible aggressor. The Prime Minister and Chancellor Kohl agreed that to achieve that in the defence of Germany and Britain, a sensible mix of nuclear and conventional weapons was needed.

'Pill tax' defeat

A MOVE by the Opposition to scrap this year's 9 per cent increase in prescription charges — described as "the pill tax" — was defeated in the Commons late on Tuesday night.

The increase took prescription charges to £3.05, a rise of 1,425 per cent since Labour left office, Mr Robin Cook, chief Opposition health spokesman, told MPs. He said the National Pharmacartical Accordation had Pharmaceutical Association had given him a list of common drugs that could be bought over the counter more cheaply than on prescription.

Mr Roger Freeman, Under

PRESCRIPTIONS Secretary of State for Health, described the 25p increase in the charge as fair, reasonable and prudent.

The drugs bill was going up at the rate of 13 per cent in capital terms, against which the in-crease of 9 per cent was

The motion calling, for the regulation bringing in the in-crease to be annulled, was defeated by 278 votes to 197 -

efence under threat

By Sheila Gunn, Political Reporter DELAYS with work on the Trident nuclear

missile programme and other defence projects could seriously affect Britain's military competence, the Commons Public Accounts Committee said yesterday. It found that the £9 billion Trident programme

is suffering from staffing and management problems at the Atomic Weapons Establishment installations at Aldermaston and Burghfield, There have been construction problems with the new A90 warhead production complex at Aldermaston and industrial action at VSEL.

Barrow, where the submarines are being built. The Commons defence committee is also preparing a report emphasizing the delays threatened in bringing the first Trident submarines into service.

The cross-party Public Accounts Committee and: "We note that, despite the various difficulties, the ministry's forecast in-service date on the Trident programme remains unchanged. However, we believe that as the contingences built into the timenable are croded by events, so the risks increase that there could in practice be delays, if not at the outset then in the later stages of the programme."

It called for prompt and vigorous action, particularly on the stating and management of

The committee also said that delays in other

TRIDENT DELAYS

defence equipment projects were harming mili-tary effectiveness and pushing up costs. "We are concerned that the number of projects with significant slippages to in-service dates and the impact that these delays have on both operational effectiveness and the costs of maintaining equipment in service.

"We urge the ministry to continue to press for realistic targets for in-service dates and to install tighter procedures to ensure those dates are met." The 1988 statement showed mine projects which were at least two years behind schedule. Among those facing delays or rapidly increasing costs are the EH101 helicopter for the UK and Italian navies; Bates (battlefield artillery target engagement system); and the US jamming system, JTIDS (joint tactical information distribution system).

tribution system). The report urged the Ministry of Defence to press for realistic targets for completion from contractors, after noting that agreements had to be renegotiated in several of the projects. "This underlines the need for contract conditions which are clearly defined at the outset and properly enforceable", it said.

Committee of Public Accounts, Ninth Report, Ministry of Defence: The Annual Statement of Major Defence Projects (Stationery Office; £7.40).



Rifkind's 'very small mercy'

THE Government's plans to ease the community charge burden in Scotland for those on low incomes but with savings of up to £16,000 were weelomed by the Opposition when outlined to MPs.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, had explained that he intended to set up a temporary scheme outside the social security benefits system to provide special payments for those affected. That came after the announcement in the Budget that the upper capital limit for community charge benefit was to rise from £8,000 to £16,000.

Between 15,000 and 20,000 people in

Between 15,000 and 20,000 people in Scotland will benefit at a cost of £4 million which will come out of the Scotlish Office budget of £9.5 billion.

Mr Donald Dewar, shadow Secretary of State, said that it would be ungracious not to welcome the annoucement, but he would be more impressed if Mr Riflend had not

SCOTS POLL TAX

vehemently argued until the eleventh hour that Scotland's complaints were bogus.

Mr Dewar said that what was being announced was a very small mercy measured against the poll tax disaster. Yet again the Secretary of State was "trailing lamely in the rear", solicing on to an already impossibly complicated system this ex gratia scheme.

The £4 million cost of the concession was much exaggerated by the Government. The payments were likely to total less than £2 million and many fewer than 15,000 would benefit. The average annual payment was likely to be well under £100.

The new scheme would do little to help that vulnerable group with modest savings

and a limited income perhaps boosted by a small occupational pension.

"If the scheme remains as it is, it will mean that for thousands hope will turn to disappointment and then to anger."

Mr Rifkind said that no one could say for certain what the final cost of the concession would be, but the best estimates were that it, would benefit between 15,000 and 20,000 people, leading to a cost of up to £4 million. If it was slightly less or slightly greater, it would be accommodated.

Mr Malcolm Bruce (Gordon, Lib Dem) said that the administration of the proposal looked like taking up a large part of the £4

Mr Rifkind said that that was incorrect. The scheme he proposed was admin-istratively simple.

Two or three cheers for the minister

THE future of the Canova sculpture "The Three Graces" will be decided shortly, with the ending yesterday of the deferment of applications for export licences for works of art, Lord Hesketh, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, told the House of Lords during offers.

question time.

Questioned by Lord St John
of Fawsley (C), a former arts
minister, about the future of the sculpture, he said the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry had announced on March 2 that he proposed to take into account private as well as public offers.

"He is considering representations by persons affected by this
change of policy and will reach a
decision shortly on the Canova
and on other export applications

deferred until April 4. "The Barclays brothers have offered to purchase the statue and place it on loan for 20 years to the V & A and a Scottish in-

Stitution."

Lord St John of Fawsley said that he would give that reply two cheers. A private purchase would be acceptable provided the public had permanent access to the object. What had hap-pened to the offer made by Lord Rothschild? Had that fallen into limbo or was it about to be resurrected?

Lord Hesketh said that the

Lord Hessem said that the Secretary of State was considering the interests involved.

Lord Strabolgi (Lab) asked the Government to delay a decision on export licences further so that the offers made could have full consideration.

cheers, more like three enthu-siastic ones. It would result in the Canova's staying here and on indefinite exhibition to the

Letters, page 15 Lady Birk, Opposition country.

'THREE GRACES'

she would also give three cheers

up to a point. There were
differences between the two

That by the Barciays brothers was that the statue should be on public view for 20 years, which in the light of its value was a dot in time. Lord Rothschild proposed to make the Canova a guit to the nation.

"It seems to many including the arts world and the Museums and Galleries Com-mission, that that is a much better result for the nation."

Lord Hesketh said that whatever offer was made by the Barclays brothers it was not being made to the Government. The offer was to the owners of "The Three Graces" and it was for them to decide whether 20 years' public display was acceptable. The offer by Lord Rothschild was a variation on an offer of art in lieu, which had substantial public expenditure

Lady Birk said that £10 million a year was supposed to be put aside by the Treasury for acceptance of in-lieu offers. It

acceptance of in-tien offers. It had not been used last year and seidom was, so there must be money available. The offer was of a permanent gift.

Lord Hesketh said that the key to Lord Rothschild's offer was that it was a variation which did not already exist, but was a scheme. That was one of the scheme. That was one of the

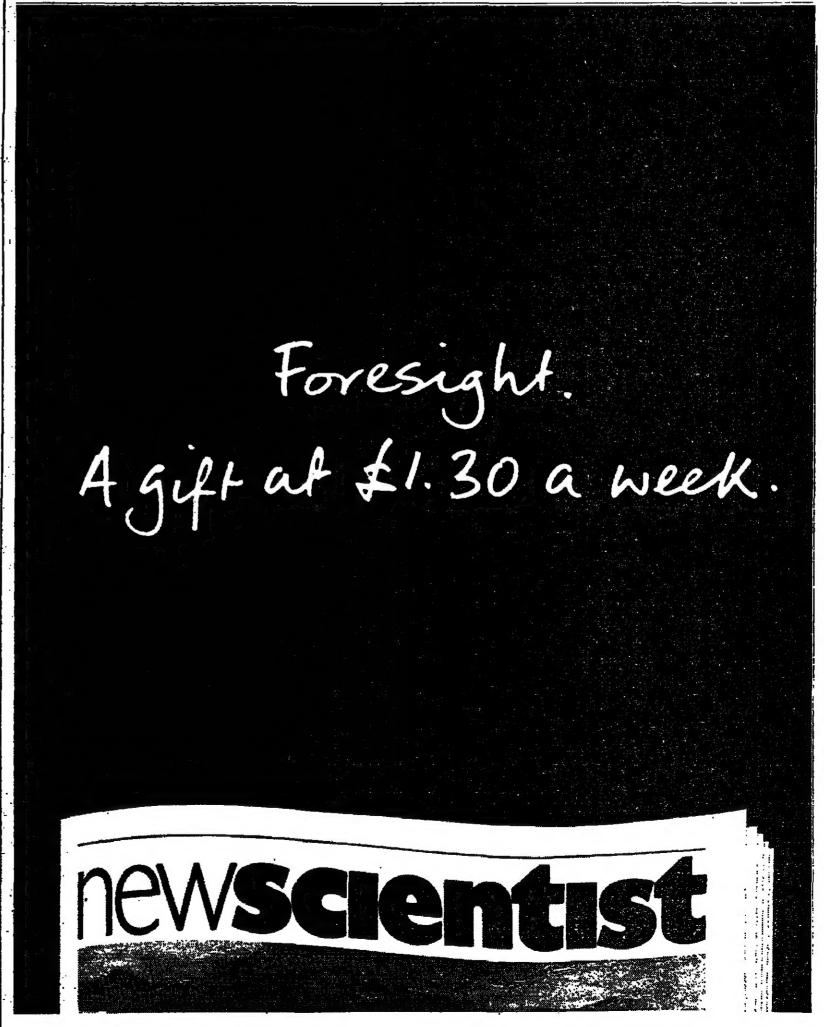
could have full consideration.

Lord Hesketh said that everyone would like to see not only a satisfactory solution, but also a speedy one. "The Government's position is in a sense at arm's length because "The Three Graces" is the property of a private company."

Lord Peyton of Yeovil (C) said that the offer by Lord Rothschild deserved more than two cheers, more like three enthu-

decison by Parliament?

Lord Hesketh said that the change of policy had not been to restrict, but to expand, the opportunities for retaining artis-tic objects of virtu in this



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Get on top of tomorrow

Evidence for dog registration is mounting up. We need your support now.

There are now 500,000 stray dogs suffering on the streets of Britain.

They get injured and killed on our roads.

They foul our pavements and parks. They attack people and live-

The chaos they cause costs Britain £70 million a year.

Yet we can hardly blame the dogs.

Because there's no dog registration scheme in Britain, there's no way of identifying the dogs or returning them to their owners.

Instead they're needlessly killed by vets, animal welfare associations and local authorities, at the horrifying rate of 1000' unwanted dogs a day.

No wonder the RSPCA continues to campaign for dog registration.

The purpose of this advertisement is to ask you to write to your M.P.

Then when the dog registration vote next goes through Parliament, your M.P. can support it, convinced it's what you want.

But first we must convince you.

The case for dog registration.

Dog registration would promote more responsible dog ownership in Britain.

Dog wardens would make sure every dog was registered and given an identification number.

Innocent stray and lost dogs could be identified and returned to their owners.

The owners of savage dogs, or dogs that cause any kind of nuisance could be traced and held responsible.

But being able to trace dogs to their owners isn't the only benefit of dog registra-

Dog wardens would also take on an educational role.

They'd teach existing and potential dog owners how to look after their dogs properly.

So, long term, a more caring attitude would develop towards dog ownership in Britain.

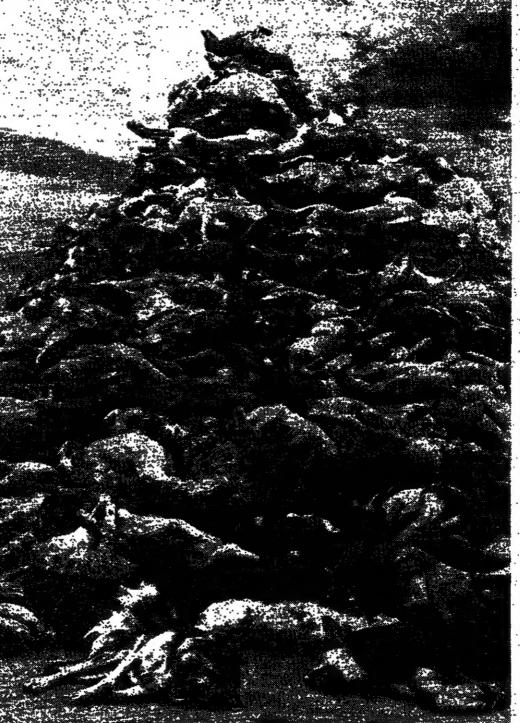
And it's for all these reasons that we believe dog registration is the key to the problems we currently face.

We're not alone in this belief.

Numerous public organisations who regularly encounter the problems of stray dogs agree with us.

A recent independent academic survey agreed with us.

And already we've seen dog registra-



tion and licensing schemes work in other countries. Isn't all this evidence enough for our cause?

The cost of dog registration.

Apart from a registration fee paid by dog owners, dog registration needn't cost the country anything.

Dog wardens' wages could be paid out of the money raised by the fee.

And so could the scheme's organisational cost.

In fact, when you look at what stray dogs cost Britain every year, dog registration could actually save a great deal of money.

Summary of costs:

Present costs for strays: (dogs registered with police only). Keeping, destroying or re-homing 240,000 dogs. £6 million Dog warden service. £6 million Road accidents caused by dogs. £50 million Hospital treatment of other injuries £7 million Injuries to livestock. £1 million Total Costs about £70 million. Costs of registration system and dog warden service. Total annual cost of registration system. £11 million £31 million

Saving to society of registration and dog-warden service: up to

Total Costs about £42 million

The case against dog registration.

Some people say that dog registration is unfair on responsible dog owners.

Yet, poll after poll has shown that over 90% of dog owners support the scheme, and are willing to pay a reasonable registration fee.

(If they care about dogs, why shouldn't they?)

Other critics of the scheme say dog registration would be bureau-

However, Britain's leading computer company, ICL, say "the operation of a central dog registration bureau would be a straightforward and small-scale process".

Organisations that support us:

Association of District Councils Association of Metropolitan Authorities Battersea Dogs Home British Veterinary Association Child Care Concern Country Landowners'

Health Officers

National Association of Do

National Farmers Union National Federation of Wom National Union o Townswomen's Guilds

National Canine Defence

Police Federation Ramblers' Association

Countries with licensing or registration:

Holland USA France Ulster Germany Russia

If you're convinced, convince your M.P.

In Parliament, there's growing support for dog registration.

Over 300 M.P.s from all parties support it. In fact, last year a vote on dog

registration came within just 13 votes of winning. The next vote may be very soon.

If you believe in dog registration, contact your M.P. today

Because as every day passes, another 1000' unwanted dogs die.

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☐ I have not yet written to my M.P. Pleas our information pack.

I have written to my M.P. Plea

Registration, not extermination.

into its most serious constitutional crisis in decades by King Baudouin's decision temporarily to relinquish the throne, as a matter of conscience, to protest against the legalization of abortion. His father, King Leopold, abdicated 39 years ago.

The Parliament is meeting in emergency session today to try to defuse the crisis. Ministers who met overnight on Monday have already de now ceased, "so that the King awaited Bill on abortion is crument statement said. passed into law.

The new law overturns an shortion ban which has been in force for 100 years. The ban through incest, which he be-lieved might be handicapped. Abortion is now widely tol-Because of his popularity. erated in Belgium.

The new law permits preg-nancies to be terminated in the first 12 weeks if two doctors independently agree that the mother is in "distress". She must also be given believed since to have blocked six days in which to reflect on the appointment of ministers.

able, so far, to have children themselves, he and Queen Fabiola, who has suffered a miscarriage, have found the

Bill especially upsetting Senate last November and was ial Belgium's crown, and the passed by an overwhelming King is allegedly under in-majority in the Chamber of vestigation for smuggling Representatives last week de- chimpanzees from that soite dwindling rearguard at- country. tempts to block it by the

King Baudouin will be without his crown for less than 48 Mr Christian Bouvier, a lawhours if, as expected, Parliament can devise legal word-

if illness or "other reasons" prevent him from fulfilling his duties. MPs will today use the him charged.

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King Baudouin of Belgium temporarily gave up his throne yesterday after his conscience refused to allow him to sign a law legalizing abortion. The Cabinet assumed his powers to promulgate the measure. Peter Guilford

clared the King's "mability to from the moment of that reign" and have taken over his declaration, will resume his powers to ensure that the long-constitutional powers", a gov-

Unlike Leopold III, his father, who was forced to step down by strikes and unrest in in force for 100 years. The ban 1951, King Baudouin is too was severely discredited by the arrest and imprisonment in 1973 of Dr Willy Geers, a bridge holding together the Belgian gynaecologist, for sometimes uneasy mix of aborting a foctus conceived Belgium's French, Flemish

> Because of his popularity, the King's meddling in politics has always been tolerated. He blocked the resignation of Mr Wilfried Martens, the Prime Minister, when his coalition fell apart in 1985, and is believed since to have blocked

The Belgians' reverence for King Baudonin, well known for his abhorrence of abortion, vented his anger over the new bill by devoting his new year speech to a homily on the sanctity of human life. Uncash to far to have shill are to far to f

Little, therefore, is known of his private affairs, but many rumours circulate concerning the monarchy's relations with The Bill swept through the Zaire, once the jewel in imper-

The law banning informa-Flemish Christian Democrats. tion about the King recently claimed one alarming victim. yer aged 45 from Namur, wrote to the King complaining ing to allow him to resume that his new year homily on the sanctity of unborn human life was ill-timed, given the sancting in Romania. He sent a law permitting him to do so a server and another to the newspaper and another to the regional prosecutor, who had

same face-saving clause to allow him back in.

They will consider a motion that his inability to reign has

rise constitutionnelle : le Roi a refusé

Econtresigner la loi sur l'avertement



Dynasty dogged by strife

THE Belgian monarchy has Saze-Coburg became the first 1934. Queen Astrid died in a had its fair share of con-King of an independent Bel-car crash. troversy and tragedy for such a gium. He proved a skilful short history. Installed after diplomat, but his son and the 1830 revolution against successor, Leopold II, proutch rule, Prince Leopold of voked an international outcry

with his involvement in the The exposure by Sir Roger ascenent of the exploitation of African labour there led to

the end of the King's personal rule of the vast independent King Leopold III, who mar-

ried Princess Astrid of Swe- his country in 1950. The den, became Belgium's fourth king after King Albert I was unrest this provoked led him to abdicate the following year killed in a climbing accident in in favour of his son Baudouin. I avour of the Prince of Wales. | crisis." Mr Geagea was speak- the Christian areas.

The King's decision to surrender to the invading Germans in May 1940 put in question the restoration of the monarchy in post-war Bel-gium. The military historian Liddell Hart argued that Leopold's decision to remain with his troops kept Belgium in the war long enough to let the British Expeditionary Force

King Leopold returned to

Royal rights limited in UK

By Alan Hamilton

The likelihood of a British sovereign emulating King Baudoum by vacating the throne temporarily is probably impossible, constitutionalists agree.

There is no precedent in the modern history of the British throne: the departure of Edward VIII was permanent.

There are, however, examples of monarchs refusing to give the Royal Assent to parliamentary Bills. The last was Queen Anne in 1707, who refused to put her signature to an obscure Bill for settling the militia in Scotland.

According to Lord St John of Fawsley, an authority on the Constitution, such a tactic would be unthinkable nowadays. "It could not happen. The Queen has to act on the advice of her ministers. She has to sign any properly constituted Bill put up to ber. She would have to sign her own death warrant if it was presented to her."

To Dr John Barnes, a constitutional specialist at the London School of Economics, the issue is not quite so clear.
"The Queen probably still has
the power to refuse the Royal
Assent, although such power
is definitely in disuse."

There is another, ingenious way: when the Queen travels abroad, she creates the Prince of Wales or another close member of her family a Counsellor of State, with full powers to act in her absence. She could therefore take a fortnight in Australia while whoever she had created a Counsellor gave assent in her bsence to an Act to which she felt overwhelming antipathy.

What the Queen does have the power to do is to refuse, or to force, a dissolution of Parliament. If the Queen were to keep her throne, one pol-itical party would have to support her position, and that party would have to win the subsequent election.

The creation of a regency would, Dr Barnes says, "re-main a possible fudge solution", although there was no precedent, except on the grounds of the monarch's illness, as in the case of George III during his periods of

Constitutionalists also point out that the Queen is debarred from stepping aside by the anointing and vows of her Coronation, which bind her by solemn oath to serve until death: the reason advanced against any possibility of the Queen abdicating in

King to leave exile for Romania tour

By Alan Hamilton

Romania is to return to his return. country next week for the first time since he was forced by the communists to abdicate at gunpoint more than 42 years

The King, who is aged 68 and lives in exile near Geneva, plans to fly to Bucharest next Thursday in time to attend Easter service in an Orthodox church in the capital. He will then spend a week touring the country by car accompanied by his wife, the former Queen Anne, and three of his five

Two of his daughters, Princess Margarita and Princess Sophie, received a warm welcome when they arrived in Bucharest in January to inspect the damage that had been wrought by the Ceaus-escu regime on their country's architectural heritage.

His daughter Princess Helen, who is married to a British academic and lives in County Durham, set off for Romania yesterday at the head of a convoy of trucks carrying 120 tonnes of medical supplies, food and clothing raised by an appeal in the north-east.

Since the fall of Romania's communist regime last Dec-ember, King Michael has said on several occasions that he is ready to serve his country in any capacity, but has always emphasized that it is a matter for the Romanians to decide on the throne.

Several of Romania's to constitutional monarchy,

THE exiled King Michael of lar support for the King's

The reception he receives next week will be the first reliable indicator of what support he retains among

Romanians During a visit to London earlier this week at the invitation of Sir Bernard Braine, MP, Father of the House of Commons, King Michael told an all-party group of MPs that he would welcome immediate Western supervision of Romania's forthcoming elections.

people did not wish to be seen as the poor of the continent. incapable of organizing their future or of joining the family of European nations as fullyfledged members.

"They are ready to be judged by the human rights norms applied throughout the treaties which my country has signed but which its communist dictators never respected," the King told MPs. He also called for aid from the West to help repair 40 years of damage that had been in-flicted on a fundamentally rich economy by a communist dictatorship.

Although King Michael has no sons it is expected that, should the Romanians request his return, he would nominate as his heir his eldest daughter Princess Margarita, who is aged 41 and a graduate in whether they want him back medical sociology from Edinburgh University. The Princess worked for the United emerging democratic parties Nations in Rome until she have said they favour a return returned to be with her father shortly before Christmas and but there has as yet been no the collapse of the Ceausescu major demonstration of popuregime.

Militia chief deals new blow to Aoun

IN ANOTHER blow to the Christian Voice of Lebanon defiant General Michel Aoun, Mr Samir Geagea, the hardline militia chief, said yesterday he was ready to relinquish all army barracks in the areas he controls to the pro-Syrian President Hrawi (A

Correspondent Writes). Mr Geagea, who heads the 10,000-strong Lebanese Forces militia, said: "Handing over the barracks to General Lahoud (President Hrawi's pro-Syrian army commander)

radio. His gesture was another overture to President Hrawi, General Aoun's main rival.

Since January 31 General Aoun and Mr Geagea have been battling for supremacy in the Christian areas in central Lebanon where around a million people live.

At the root of their feuding is Mr Geagea's support for an Arab-brokered peace pact that brought President Hrawi to power. General Aoun opposed is a practical gateway for peace the accord because it provides and a solution to the present for ending his leadership in

Television becomes battlefield for Peru presidential hopefuls

WHEN Mario Vargas Llosa, its best to catch the public's Barrantes and Henry Pease, the Peruvian presidential eye, far and away the most the two leftwing presidential front-runner first saw a visible has been Señor Vargas contenders.

The issue of campaign the spot on television, they were horrified

The commercial showed a has had the resources to monkey, dressed in a bureau-Crat's shirt and tie, playing with a cigar, throwing papers around, and while swinging from a ceiling lamp, urinating. The monkey represented Peruvian government employees, and while it urinated over the mess, the Voice-over noted sarcastically: "They (the bureaucrats) always worry about those below

The advertisement was withdrawn after five days of airplay. It occurred early though in Schor Vargas Llosa's campaign to have only a minor impact on his longterm popularity. But it has come to symbolize the pitfalls of his multi-million dollar

Limenos, have been bombarded with an ever-increas-ing diet of television and radio

Peru has no laws requiring disclosure of campaign fundcommercials (not to mention newspaper advertisements, Street graffiti, posters, and biliboards) urging them to vote for this or that candidate in the campaigns are stark. television campaign have for president, senator, or Fredemo candidates have run done nothing to help that.

While every party has done ments than both Alfonso showed a white woman (the row.

the monkey spot", he appended When Peruvians saw coalinion. Señor Vargas Llosa, who is the businessman's candidate,

none of his opponents can hope to match. One campaign adviser said the neo-liberal novelist's television campaigns have cost "only" \$2.5 million (£1.53

million). But he added that every television station had. given him preferential rates (something denied the other candidates), and many advertising agencies had charged him little or nothing. Another adviser said that

the total media campaign for all the Fredemo candidates had cost over \$8 million - in a country where the monthly minimum wage last month was \$29. Other candidates have used

more television advertise-

spending is beginning to hurt Señor Vargas Llosa, His strongest supporters are white and well-to-do, in a nation which is mostly Indian or mixed-race and poor.

Señor Ricardo Winitzky, one of Senor Vargas Llosa's chief publicity advisers, admitted: "The poor still have their prejudices about Mario as the friend of the rich."

But his publicity team has designed commercials to lessen this prejudice. They show the candidate in poor neighbourhoods with the people, as well as explain his intentions about important problems like inflation, unemployment and terrorism.

To an extent, Señor Vargas Llosa has succeeded in definmedia campaign, the first of these astronomical costs to investment. This was surprisingly successful. In this competitive, with some effect. Peruvians try, in the past, you couldn't are now steing the issue of talk about bringing in foreign to the second try, in the past, you couldn't are now steing the issue of talk about bringing in foreign to the second try, in the past, you couldn't are now steing the issue of talk about bringing in foreign to the second try, in the past, you couldn't are now steing the issue of talk about bringing in foreign to the second try, in the past, you couldn't are now steing the issue of talk about bringing in foreign to the second try, in the past, you couldn't are now steing the issue of talk about bringing in foreign and comestic investment. This was surprisingly successful. In this country, in the past, you couldn't are now steing the issue of talk about bringing in foreign and comestic investment. This was surprisingly successful. In this country, in the past, you couldn't are now steing the issue of talk about bringing in foreign and comestic investment. This was surprisingly successful. In this country, in the past, you couldn't are now steing the issue of talk about bringing in foreign and comestic investment. changed," said Senor Manuel

Peru has no laws requiring disclosure of campaign funding, a limit on expenses or that the media offer equal rates to as you go down the social As a result, the differences scale", and some aspects of the

brother-in-law) leading what is nearly an apotheosis of the novelist, singing: "Let's go Peru, we'll make the great change and work in peace and

"It's a beautifully produced spot," said Mr Saul Mankevich of the polling company, Datum, "But the focus group studies among the poor say it's a commercial for rich white kids. And nobody sings the jingle. Everyone sang (current President) Alan Gar-

cia's jingle."

Another of Señor Vargas
Llosa's adviser laments: "The
music should have been
chicha (a blend of Andean and tropical Latin rhythms popular in Lima)." Instead, it is the kind of modern pop heard in Lima's wealthier neigh-

Worst of all has been the vision. In one commercial he promised to fight joblessness through foreign and domestic investment. This was surprisingly successful. "In this commercial congressional contestants, and the surprisingly successful." In this commercial congressional contestants, and the surprising congressional contestants, and the surprising congressional contestants. such as the 40 candidates for deputies each party is running in Lima, must compete both against other parties and against their own.

The result due to the bloated campaign financing Fredemo has enjoyed, has been an oversaturation of advertisements. Tired television viewers and radio fans suffer through as many as five One recent advertisement different Fredemo spots in a

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Mayor flouts Rocard racism pledge

NO SOONER had M Michel Rocard, the Prime Minister, said that the French Government would take action against people who made racist remarks, than M Jacques Médecin, the Mayor of Nice, provided him with the perfect opportuuity to fulfil his pledge.

His discriminatory remarks on three of his town councillors, made on television on Tuesday evening, just as M Rocard's much heralded inter-party round table on racism was breaking up, were yesterday judged "scandalous" by M Louis Le Pensec, the government Shonhuber, a former wartime member of spokesman. "At a moment when the the German SS and a colleague of M Le

able behaviour," M Le Pensec said.

M Médecin gained international notoriety when he was accused of corruption by the author, Graham Greene, in his book J'Accuse.

Nice, which the right-wing Mayor and his father before him have run for the past 62 years, played host to M Jean-Marie Le Pen and his National Front congress last weekend. Among those invited to attend was Herr Franz

leaders of our country agree to fight against this racism scourge, M Médicin has distinguished himself once again by his scandalous remarks and dishonour-

Asked on television whether he would now consider appointing National Front councillors, M Médecin replied: "If room could be found — and it is not I who has opened a space, it is the Jews who have gone." The three who resigned are all Jewish.

M Médecin said just as he knew of no Jew who would turn down a gift, even if he didn't like it, he knew of no mayor who turned down supporting votes.

The anti-racist organization SOS-Racisme says it will sue M Médecin.

Gorbachov 'enraged' by Estonian declaration

cized Estonia's drive for independence in a telephone conversation, the republic's president said yesterday.

Mr Arnold Ruutel, president of the Estonian Supreme Soviet, told the republic's official television that Mr Gorbachov used strong words and was generally very angry during their conversation.

chov lashed out at the republic's legislative declaration last Friday describing Estonia as an occupied state. "When I heard of your resolution I was completely beside myself. You must declare the resolution null and void. It is an invalid one," Mr Ruutel quoted Mr Gorbachov as saying. "It seems to me that I have

to introduce similar measures as those taken in Lithuania." he quoted the Soviet leader as saying. He did not elaborate on those remarks when asked by the radio interviewer.

But in the television interview, Mr Ruutel said that after he gave a precise description of Estonia's stand and said the republic would not back off its desire for independence, Mr Gorbachov calmed down. Estonia said last week it would to seek to re-establish independence at the end of a still-undefined transition period. Unlike their Baltic neighbors in Lithuania, the Estonians are treading a more careful line on secession and have called on Moscow to start negotiations.

Mrs Marju Lauristin, Deputy Speaker and a leader of the People's Front political movement, called the conversation positive. "In spite of this first negative reaction, it is a

Gorbachov demanded from Mr Ruutel a full report about the situation in Estonia, which she said was being prepared.

Estonia declared support for Lithuania's March 11 declaration of independence and called on Mr Gorbachov to halt army pressure and stop "political provocations" against Lithuania.

Mr Edgar Savisaar, the republic's newly elected Prime years as editor of Izvestia, Minister, said his Govern-called for restraint.

PRESIDENT Gorbachovcriti- restoration of independence, economic reforms and attempts to avoid conflicts between Estonia's ethnic groups. Ethnic Estonians make up 60 per cent of the republic's 1.6 million people. Slavs and other non-Estonian nationalities have expressed concern that the republic's move toward independence would hurt their interests.

In a later radio interview, MOSCOW: The three-man Mr Ruutel said Mr Gorba- Lithuanian delegation attempting to start negotia-tions here on the republic's independence returned home yesterday evening with little to

> The delegation, headed by Mr Romualdas Ozalas, the Deputy Prime Minister, held talks with Mr Alexander Yakovlev, a close adviser to President Gorbachov, but was unable to obtain any assurances on a start to formal negotiations. It also failed to meet Mr Dmitry Yazov, the Defence Minister, and Mr Vadim Bakatin, the Interior

> Mr Yazov based his refusal to talk on the fact that the Lithuanians constituted a foreign delegation - the opposite to Mr Gorbachov's refusal to talk to anyone who was not part of the Soviet Union.

The delegation would not reveal what was said to Mr

Meanwhile, the head of the KGB border guard said the situation on the border between Lithuania and Poland, closed by the Soviet authorities on Tuesday, was normal and no serious incidents had occurred.

Lieutenant-General Vladimir Shlyakhtin said in an contact and every contact is interview that all border posts needed for negotiations," she on Lithuanian territory had on Lithuanian territory had been strengthened, in line with Mrs Lauristin said Mr President Gorbachov's decree on March 21 to ensure border

> The newly elected chairman of the Council of the Union one of the two chambers of the Supreme Soviet, yesterday expressed optimism that a sol-ution acceptable to both sides could be achieved through dialogue. But Dr Ivan Laptev. a liberal doctor of philosophy who has just resigned after su

Perestroika is threatened by economy crisis

From Michael Binyon, Moscow

SOVIET resistance to eco- sudden and total dismantling have to be scrapped and the set up a market economy as country would have to return soon as possible. to the old rigid planning system, a senior economic

adviser has said. The warning came as the Soviet Union recorded one of its worst economic perfor- that this was not the case here. mances in decades, with industrial growth falling by 1 per cent in the first two farms which could adapt to months of this year.

to Mr Leonid Abalkin, the in our agriculture, which is architect of the proposed rad-inflexible and pretty inert, ical economic reform, told Izvestia that the current crisis output and raise prices." was worsening and that a political decision would have eslav Senchagov, chairman of

positions of 1985, to tried and trusted methods and means." he said. Referring to the orthodox Communist system in place before Mr Gorbachov came to power, he added:
"The command system has not yet been smashed, and nostalgia for the past is

He said public trust in the Government was falling, and many senior politicians have realized that they now have a last chance to rescue public confidence.

But in remarks tinged with oriov said an economic reform package scheduled to be introduced in the next few repeatedly called for "decisive steps" to spur the sluggish economy into a fully-fledged market economy. He appealed weeks could be rejected, the team of liberal advisers dis-persed and the whole concept of a market economy replaced by the old planning system.

A failure to implement economic reform could be the death blow to perestroika. which is being roundly criticized for failing to deliver a better standard of living.

Soviet economists are deeply divided on how to implement the reforms, which all agree will be painful and difficult - by news of the could trigger unprecedented worsening economic perfor-

denied that Moscow would output this year on the recent adopt a "Polish solution" - a wave of strikes.

report after a round of talks with a senior Politburo member (Michael Binyon writes).

Yakoviev.

security.

nomic reform is so intense of the centralized Marxist that President Gorbachov's system, with radical steps to liberalization package may dissolve state monopolies and

> He said Poland had laid the groundwork for reforms over 10 years, and the present Government enjoyed the full trust of the people - implying

Poland, unlike the Soviet Union, already had private market conditions. "If we try Mr Andrei Orlov, chief aide to bring in the same methods they will, above all, reduce

But yesterday Mr Vyachto be taken soon.

"There is a very strong view that we should return to the seemed to favour a "middle" way" between shock therapy and a gradual rise in prices to realistic levels. He said everyone now recognized that the absurdity of the pricing system was an obstacle to reform.

But even the "middle way" would eventually force the country to go the whole dis-tance that Poland had, he said. The danger was that public confidence in the Government would be so shattered during the transition that no reforms could be im-

plemented at all. President Gorbachov has again on Tuesday for an acceleration of perestroika in a speech to his newly-formed Presidential Council, where conservatives and reformers

are evenly balanced. But the growing anxiety of his advisers suggests that the moment of truth may now be approaching, after repeated postponements of the politi-

cally explosive issue. The task has here made even more urgent mance. On Tuesday Pravda political discontent.

On Tuesday Mr Abalkin blamed the fall in industrial



criticizes Britain's silence

By Andrew McEwen Diplomatic Editor

THE near-silence of the British Government on the Soviet clampdown in Lithuania was bitterly criticized in London yesterday by a senior spokesman of the new Government

Mr Algis Cekuolis, foreign offairs adviser to President Landsbergis, said: "Let us remember Munich."

Unless the British Government took a stronger line, he said, it would risk comparisons with Britain's capitulation to Hitler in 1938 over the

our own sake but we are disappointed that the British Government is slow to recognize its own interests ..."

He went on: "Now is the turning point: not to use the influence Mrs Thatcher has making matters more difficult (would be wrong). It could be for President Gorbachov. that this opportunity will not arise again in this century."

He noted that the United States appeared to be more active than Britain, mainly because of pressure from the US Senate and the House of ing of the situation.

London from Moscow, where hardliner is already at the better not believe any news

vakia. "We expect nothing for talks between the Lithuanian delegation and Soviet officials had broken down.

But he did not see British officials because the British Government has made it clear that its priority is to avoid

He said this policy was misguided. The British Government's fears that Mr Gorbachov might be toppled and replaced by a hardliner showed a lack of understand-

There is no need to re-Mr Ceknolis flew in to move Gorbachov because a

claimed Mr Gorbachov was a it comes from Western man whose personality powers. changed according to the situation; and in his current

The takeover of Lithuania had been similar to that of Czechoslovakia by Soviet forces in 1968, but more subtle. "It is the same as it was in Prague, but much more clever, he said.

guise should be seen as a

"Moscow has learned the lesson of August 1968, and a own interests, as much as huge smoke-screen is going on. From yesterday you had

wheel of the country," he coming from Lithuania unless

"The Soviet Union is intervening now; it has sealed the borders: there is an information blackout," he said. The Lithuanian state bas

not formerly applied to Britain for recognition but, he

He appealed to the British Government to consider whether it would not be in its those of Lithuania, to recognize his country's Secret pattle police police work goes on piging

AT LEAST six Soviet KGB agents and six Crechosloval secret police, the SiB, are Interior Minister, Tea

He also said General Albis Lorenc, the former StB chief and First Deputy Minister of the interior, was arrested Monday.

However, Mr Sache quickly against StB again because such action che destabilize Czechoslovalia: "Pressure might pro counter-pressure said. "Excessive radical steps against the StB can radicalize this section and thus destable lize the situation in our com-

try," he added. Mr Sacher gave no details of what the KGB personnel were up to in Czechoslovakie, b statements made to 7 Times last December by Dr. Ivan Prusa, the man changed with cleaning up the Sth. He had said all Soviet advises

had been sent packing. General Lorenc, who ren the StB for much of the last decade, is under investigation for his role in the beatings of student demonstrators which led to the November

Mr Sacher also admitted that the lack of competent and trustworthy replacements was holding back his efforts to clean up the the StB. He said he could not even paly on former security agents who supported the 1968 Prague Spring reforms.



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Battle of Dinosaurs leaves Greek voters longing for catharsis

THREE general elections in style politics and growing Papandreou are now on 10 months are a severe test of concern about air pollution in friendly terms, these two old any democracy. And if the Athens and other big towns, mood in Greece ahead of next the loose grouping of almost Sunday's poll reflects wide- 100 "alternative" candidates, spread apathy shot through campaigning under the Ecolowith cynicism, that is hardly

shuffling once more across the hustings are commonly nick-named "the Dinosaurs", with an average age 72. For an average age 72. For an increasing number of voters, June have convinced most they have nothing fresh to political observers that there is offer, no vision for an nothing to hope for there. The apprehensive nation beyond endless bickering about who is

dominant parties - the conservative New Democracy and the Socialists - appears to brunt of an austerity pro-have much chance of outright gramme that cannot be victory, the Greeks are facing the depressing prospect of yet. another hung Parliament, with the third-placed Communists open, as ever, to

means that patronage, arm-twisting and backroom deals usual exuberance of the Greek will again smother the public's hope — longing might be a better word — for a catharsis that will finally produce a stable government worthy of

unsinkable Mr Andreas for all of us". Papandreou. But they also For his ow indicate a small but potentially significant shift towards Greece's version of the

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gists' banner, could go from one to three seats - enough The trio of big party leaders perhaps to hold the balance of

getting their hands on power. to blame for the looming Greeks, who will bear the

avoided for much longer. In the circumstances, the rocket that the European Commission's President, M Jacques Delors, has just fired off against the Greek Govern-On all known form, that ment is the hottest topic in an campaign trail.

M Delors warned the caretaker Prime Minister, Mr Xenophon Zolatas, that Athens must get to grips fast with its 16.5 per cent inflation and The opinion polls are forecasting renewed deadlock between Mr Constantine Mitsotakis, the conservative leader, and Pasok's apparently sharply of the conservative sharply

For his own political rea-sons, Mr Mitsotakis decided to release the letter from Brussels, producing another Greens. Benefiting from the unedifying slanging match, very lon electorate's weariness with old. Despite reports that he and Mr politics.

friendly terms, these two old foes still seem more likely to shake each other warmly by the throat. Despite their advanced years, both have been stumping vigorously around the country in search of the few thousand extra votes that would translate, with Greece's complex electoral arithmetic, into outright victory for New Democracy or a commanding bargaining position for the

The other day, a helicopter deposited the conservative leader in the western wilds of Since neither of the two economic crisis under- Thrace, the poverty stricken ominant parties — the standably enrages ordinary region where Greece's Muslim minority is concentrated.

They have traditionally voted

But last June saw the elec-tion of the new local hero, a Muslim surgeon called Dr Ahmet Sadik, who seems certain to win again on Sunday and thus deprive Mr Mitsotakis of some des-perately needed votes from

Mr Papandreou's strategy, beyond the former Prime Minister's belief in his own personality, appears to be aimed at convincing voters of the merits of a new Socialist-Communist alliance (the parties are running joint candidates in several crucial constituencies)

No matter that the Communists had previously vowed never to link with the Socialists while the scandalridden Mr Papandreou was in charge; that was last year, a very long time ago in Greek



affiti immortalized: An American and his daughter inspecting the handiwork of a graffiti artist in the Berlin Museum. It was painted in 1985 on the Wall

Genscher offer to renounce nuclear arms

From Martin Fletcher, Washington

eign Minister, said here Nato's importance. yesterday that a united Germany might formally re-

Emerging from a White reunification would take place House meeting with President by the end of the month. Bush, he referred to Soviet security interests and to "the importance in this respect of a binding declaration in which neither today nor in the future will we have nuclear, biological or chemical weapons".

Herr Genscher appeared to be saying that a united Germany would be non-nuclear, meaning that Nato's shortrange nuclear weapons would have to be removed.

Mr Marlin Fitzwater, the White House press secretary, however, suggesting that Herr Germany would not develop nuclear, chemical or biological weapons of its own.

He added that West Ger-Europe (CSCE) process by creating new institutions.

ing a framework for stability

HERR Hans-Dietrich Gen- He added, however, that scher, the West German For- CSCE would not dimninish

Herr Genscher said he hoped the first full ministerial nounce possession of all but "two-plus-four" meeting be-conventional military forces tween the two Germanies and to allay Soviet opposition to the four wartime Allies on the its full membership of Nato. external security aspects of

The Soviet Union is still opposed to a united Germany belonging to Nato despite German pledges to respect the we will make it clear that existing Polish border and clear indications from the West that what is presently East Germany would be demilitarized. Herr Genscher insisted that a neutral Germany "would increase instability. It would introduce a degree of unpredictability in Germany and in Europe.

He said he assumed that reunification would take place disputed this interpretation, not this year, but next, along with the first all-German elec-Genscher meant that a united tions, and insisted that there was "nobody, not a single person in Germany, who would question the present Polish western border".

many was "determined to He said he hoped a new East strengthen and to deepen" the German Government would He said he hoped a new East pan-European Conference on be formed by next week so Security and Co-operation in that Bonn could start discussing economic, monetary and social union, and added that Mr Fitzwater indicated that he had briefed President Bush the CSCE, which includes all on the European Commu-Nato and Warsaw Pact coun-tries, would play an increas-ingly important role. Herr and monetary union and Genscher and Mr Bush had emphasized the importance of discussed the CSCE's role at strengtheninng the US-EC length and had agreed that it relationship. "We should try was "a good forum for provid- to get ... a declaration defining the common objectives. as we go through the changes the common tasks and chal-in Eastern Europe", he said. lenges." he said.

Bonn speeds currency plan

From Ian Murray, Bonn

coalition government next Wednesday, relieved West German government and banking experts are preparing a crash legislation programme to rush through currency union with East Germany by

Although no final decision from any adverse effects of has been taken on the exact currency union. Although its Although no final decision rate, experts have also been asked to devise social security 'sweeteners" to make it politically acceptable to introduce spectrum in East Germany, it

an exchange of one Deutsch- is arguing strongly that parity mark for two Ostmarks, in would fire inflation and line with recommendations by the Bundesbank. The subject was discussed during yesterday's Cabinet here at a time when it

was still not sure that the East Germans had been able to agree on a coalition. It was agreed even so that experts would have to work through the Easter break preparing the way for currency union, which is regarded as the essential forerunner of the social and political legislation needed for remification.

With a grand coalition forming in East Germany, in which Herr Elmar Pieroth, an experienced West German Christian Democrat is promised the crucial economics ministry, a team can be nominated to negotiate the detailed terms of currency union.

Before going off for his regular Easter slimming cure, Chancellor Helmut Kohl will chair a meeting of specialist ministers here today to make sure that the machinery is in place ready to go to work the moment the East German officials are appointed.

The East Germans can expect little real say in the way the final deal is put together, although Herr Hans Klein, the West German spokesman, made a careful statement after the Cabinet meeting insisting that no decisions could be taken until they had been consulted. The West German

AFTER yesterday's agreement Government, sensitive to in East Berlin to form a criticism that it is simply taking over East Germany, is doing its best to go through the form of consultation.

In the end, however, the Bundesbank will have a much louder voice because it has to administer currency union and protect the Deutschmark proposal for a basic rate of one for two has been condemned across the political undermine the stability of the Deutschmark at a time when its strength is needed to finance reunification.

The signs are that the Government will try to introduce social security measures to cushion pensioners and other vulnerable members of society from the worst effects of this rate.

Herr Kohl is predicting an economic miracle in East Germany within five years. providing people stay there and work.

Whatever the final decision, the rush is now on to prepare and pass the necessary legislation, along with laws creating a free market economy, in time for the summer break. The proposals are meant to be ready by early next month at the latest because two months of parliamentary time will be

needed to pass them. Politically, Herr Kohl understands that it is all a race against time.

The sooner currency union is in place, the sooner the East German economy can begin to grow and create the wealth which will persuade people to

If the negotiations drag on and currency union is delayed until the autumn, then a new flood of settlers moving West in search of quick money threatens to destroy the Chancellor's popularity before the

Germans keep 'wall' intact

From Anne McElvoy, East Berlin

the road to becoming the "united fatherland" but as the artificial division of 40 years crumbles an even older gulf is widening. This chasm makes the East-West divide look cosy by comparison.

The Germans have always known in their heart of hearts that the watch-towers and barbed wire were in the wrong place. It is the North-South divide that everyone takes seriously. The two regions in both Germanies treat each other with mutual disdain.

The geographical divide has been at the centre of the tussle over the formation of a grand coalition in East Germany of the three conservative parties, with the Social Democrats (SPD) and the Liberals gritting their teeth at the negotiating

After talks into the night yesterday, the parties resolved to hold the first parliamentary session today to vote in Christian Democrat Herr Lothar de Maizière as Prime Minister.

The southern Lander of Saxony and Thuringia in the east are described as "the white-sausage belt" because of their passion for this acquired dismally between one and two last week that the US, Britain taste. Southerners, they say up per cent. here, speak an impenetrably awful dialect and are unbearably hearty.

Meanwhile the Land of Schleswig-Holstein in the West and its neighbouring

by that of their understanding. This insight is the key to sick". understanding the protagonist coalition talks - the German Social Union (DSU).

This southern-based rightrecent elections (guess where) ing.

GERMANY may be well on is the bugbear of the Social Democrats and an unpredictable partner in the Conservative Alliance.

The inclusion of the DSU in the alliance is the main reason why the SPD has taken so long to sign into a coalition and get on with the business of running the country before it stops being around to govern.

Ask Herr Markus Meckel. the jovial new SPD leader, what he has against the DSU and he mutters darkly about it being "remote-controlled In a statement he suggested from Bavaria," where its sister party, the Christian Socialists troops in East Germany might (CSU), has just lost heavily in be the price to pay for

local elections. The DSU enjoys the bullish leadership of Herr Hans-Wilhelm Ebeling, a former vicar, who did not endear himself to demonstrators last | Soviet Union to accept for November when he ejected them from his church because they were disturbing an organ maintaining in public state-

recital. He fought the election on promises of reunification to- is how deep that opposition morrow, if not earlier, and really goes. I hope it may be labelled the Social Democrats possible to persuade them that Bavaria and Baden-Wurt- as "the legacy of com- it is actually in the interests of temburg in the West and munism". In Herr Ebeling's the security of the Soviet hometown of Leipzig. the Union that a united Germany DSU polled over 10 per cent | should be part of the alliance. while in the north it swayed

> Good northeners like Herr Meckel (he is incidentally Hurd told the committee there from Mecklenburg) become was now general agreement inarticulate with rage at the that non-German troops mere mention of the DSU or should not be stationed in the its western sister, the CSU.

in East Germany's protracted Democrats finally have had to in Eastern Europe. accept the white-sausage party, although they are still settling harsh conditions such per cent of the votes in the the margins of decision-mak-

Hurd in troops warning

By Sheila Gunn, Political Reporter

THE Foreign Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd, yesterday predicted a "sizeable transi-tional period" before Soviet troops could be removed from East Germany and Poland.

Giving evidence to the Commons foreign affairs committee he said that such a breathing space might help assuage Moscow's fears of a united Germany within Nato.

persuading the Soviet Union to accept membership.

"Membership of Nato by a united Germany is essential. It is a very difficult thing for the historical reasons," he said.

"They (the Russians) are ments a traditional oppo-sition. What is not clear to me

Although Mrs Thatcher said and France should keep "sizeable forces" in Germany, Mr east of a united Germany.

Pommarania and Mecklendurg over the border in the
east are, as every whitesausage eater knows, the home
of "fish heads" whose slowness of speech is matched only
by that of their understanding think of Bavaria and I feel summit later this year to discuss moves towards a re-Queasy or not, the Social unified Germany and changes

"One can envisage a CSCE system which builds a new storey on the Helsinki Final wing party which gained six as the relegation of the DSU to Act and strengthens what is already there on human rights and borders ...", he said.

Soviet 'promises' misled East Berlin

Herr Mielke: Lulled into complacency by Moscow

and powerful figures within East Germany's former hierarchy has emerged from hiding in West Germany to speak for the first time of Soviet disinformation channelled into the East German security service in the last days of the regime.

Herr Alexander Schalck-Golodkowski, a colonel in the Ministry of State Security who, since 1966, had been responsible for the shady acquisition of hard currency, emerged as a member of a the Office of National Secsaid in an interview with the West German newspaper Die Welt yesterday that Herr Erich as leader. He was tipped for a Mielke, the State Security top post, but fled the country secret export firm that deliv-Minister, was led to believe in December after questions ered weapons and tanks in that the Soviets would intervene at the last moment to alleged drug and weapon denies that he knew of alleged prevent the collapse of social- smuggling, and the discovery drug and antique smuggling ism in East Germany. He said that Herr Egon

Krenz, Herr Erich Honceker's tions of corruption. successor as leader, had al-

ONE of the most mysterious Ambassador in East Berlin in West Berlin, only to be re- claims the currency he ac-

put it, not let East Germany go unburdening himself to the astray," Herr Schalck-Golodbut the information was false as it turned out."

privileged inner circle only urity, disowned him by with the advent of Herr Krenz destroying his file. were asked about his role in return for hard currency, but of antiques and paintings in rackets conducted by the forhis lexury home led to allega- mer government. "My job -

ready had talks with the Soviet Germany, he gave himself up insolvency." he said. He got away".

the Soviet Union would, as he ming of the year, he has been DM100 million (£333,000).

From Anne McElvoy, East Berlin

West German Secret Service. kowski said. "Mielke was kept Herr Schalck-Golodkowski informed by the Russians said he left East Germany right up until the last minute, because be feared assassination by his former Stasi colleagues after Herr Wolfgang Herr Schalck-Golodkowski Schwanitz, the then head of

> He was responsible for the and it was damned difficult -

about his intention to topple leased by the West Germans quired was used for hospitals the hard-line leader and in- to the fury of the East, which and universities, although he troduce Soviet-type reforms. believes him to have hoarded admits that Herr Honecker "Mielke was convinced that state funds. Since the begin- had a personal account of

The picture that emerges is one of economic chaos thinly disguised as success by men desperate to hold on to their spurious positions. Herr Honecker, he said, believed the mass railies put on for his pleasure truly represented the mood of the country, while Herr Gunter Mittag, his economic chief. "knew that the policies were driving us into ruin", bu: continued regardless.

Herr Schalck-Golodkowski has settled in the south of West Germany with his wife. Most of his erstwhile colleagues are awaiting trial in East Germany. There, they After escaping from East was to keep the GDR out of call him simply. The one who



NOBODY DOES DILY BETTER

Peking courts UK co-operation as Basic Law passed

WITH only a few dissenting news agency, recently quoted confident in a dark Western votes, China's National People's Congress (parliament) descendant of China's last which he delivered a veiled yesterday approved the Basic Law, the mini-constitution for Hong Kong after 1997.

and 16 against with 37 abstentions. The vote was applauded

At a press conference later, Mr Wu Xueqian, a Vice-Premier, called for the British Government to co-operate with China for the next seven years "to ensure a steady transition period and a smooth transfer of power on July 1, 1997".

He said that all preparations for the handover must comply with the Basic Law before 1997. Critics of the British Government say that its willingness to co-operate with China and to work towards compliance with the Basic Law means that China is effectively regaining control of Hong Kong long before 1997.

A flurry of administrative decisions on Hong Kong was passed at the same closing session of the Congress yesterday, all with similarly small

ish Government's nationality ckage, and has threatened that it will not, after 1997, honour British passports issued under the scheme.

residents are Chinese citizens, and as such must receive permission before they can surrender their citizenship.

Emperor, as saying that the return of Hong Kong to the mainland would be like the There were 2,660 votes for return of a kidnapped child to its parents.

in schools and colleges, students have been told to embark on a study of the Opium War of 1839 to 1842 which China lost to Britain. The study is supposed to teach young people about the evils imperialism, especially British imperialism.

The Opium War concluded with the treaty under which Hong Kong was ceded to

The war was fought over British exports of opium to China, which the Chinese Government wanted to halt. Britain continued with the trade after they won the war. The promulgation of the

Basic Law was in fact one of the least controversial votes at the Congress yesterday. While there were only 12

votes against the work report of Mr Li Peng, the Premier, there were 220 abstentions an unusual show of disunity.

There were 70 votes against pressed anger about the Brit- the budget - which awarded a large increase in funding to the Army and, some said, not enough to agriculture - with 93 abstentions.

All votes were cast on the China says that Hong Kong new electronic push-button equipment which, the media insists, keeps no record of how

After the closing session, Mr of the Government in a court Xinhua, the official Chinese Li, appearing relaxed and

warning to France. He would not confirm that Mrs Chai Ling and Mr Feng Congde, her husband, who are both student leaders, had fled France as has been reported in

Hong Kong. But he reminded the French Government that it had undertaken not to permit subversion on its soil against a government with which it maintained diplomatic

Mr Li said that questions about last June's crackdown on pro-democracy demon-strators were no longer relevant, but were "outmoded". Significantly, he failed to apportion responsibility for the order to open fire on the night of June 3.

In the official report of what happened there is no reference to any orders to open fire. The report simply says that soldiers fired into the air when

they could no longer tolerate zens blocking their path and attacking them. Chinese sources say that the Government's refusal to admit that it issued an order to

open fire has angered army officers, who insist that they merely obeyed orders in attacking the demonstrators. Administration is afraid that, if anyone admits issuing the

order, the admission will one

day be used against members

Armed Chinese police patrolling Tiananmen Square in central Peking yesterday as the anniversary of last year's pro-democracy demonstrations approaches

Egypt 'close' to achieving a nuclear capability

escalating hi-tech arms tace in the Middle East, there are strong indications that Egypt has joined the secret list of nic nations close to achieving a nuclear capability. Yesterday all Cairo's semiofficial newspapers carried a report of an article in the

Bahraini daily, Al-Ayam, claiming that the Central Intelligence Agency was cur-rently investigating co-opera-tion between Egypt and Argentina to produce six kilograms (13.2 lb) of phytomium, manufacture a nuclear bomb. The report was seen in diplomatic circles as a thinly reiled response to Israel's spectacular launch on Tues-

day of a second spy satellite, which itself came after threats from Iraq — one of Egypt's closest allies — that half of Israel would be destroyed in the event of an Israeli preemptive strike.

The Egyptians are letting it be known to their own people that they are not being left behind in the nuclear arms race, without admitting anything openly," said a Western military expert, one of the many convinced that Egypt will join the nuclear club within the next few years.

The latest edition of the progovernment Cairo weekly, Mayo, known for its close links to President Mubarak, quoted a US naval intelligence chief as telling Congress in the wake of the exposure of Iraq's efforts to smuggle nuclear triggers through London that Egypt was ahead of Iraq in the production of a nuclear bomb.

The magazine appeared to give credibility to Israeli press reports that Egypt — in co-operation with Argentina, Pakistan and Iraq — was in the process of developing a 20 megawatt nuclear reactor capable of producing sufficient material to manufacture a

nuclear device. A British expert was quoted as stating that Iraq and Pakistan were co-operating in establishing the reactor on Egyptian soil.

The report was accompanied by a claim by Egypt's Minister of Electric Power and Energy, Mr Maher Abaza, that Egypt's nuclear research programme was above board and conducted openly under the Iraq, the Libyan leader, Colosupervision of the Internet Gadaffi, is to visit Baghnational Atomic Energy dad later this month.

Agency based in Vienna.

The minister also pointed out that Egypt was a signatory of the 1968 Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty.

However, observers in Cairo who have long suspected Egypt of conducting a secret nuclear programme noted that Iraq was also as ignatory of the treaty and was signatory of the treaty and was even a member of the organization's board of

It has been an open secret for some time that Egypt, Argentina and fraq have been collaborating closely on the manufacture of an inter-continental ballistic missile known both as the Badr-2000 or the Condor-2, with a range of 600 miles and the capability of carrying a nuclear payload.

The multi-billion-dollar project, assisted by a number of West European companies, is understood to have been speeded up after Israel's launching of its first spy satellite in September, 1988, and Soviet reports a year later that it had test launched its

the first satellite, Ofek-1, Ma-jor-General Ahmed Nabil Ibrahim, a leading Egyptian

IN AN ominous twist to the tainly possesses auclear we ons and, since it remains the Arabs' arch enemy in the foreseeable future, we have no choice but to obtain a nuclear

USS tought to fig.

"It is extremely important for the Arabs to start a nuclear industry which cannot be bought or sold," he said adding in remarks similar to those made by President Saddam Hussem of Iraq on Monday that if Israel attacked such an Arab project, Arab states would have to retaliate reach the heart of Israel.

The Condor-2 project, re-ported to have suffered a culties and now based mainly on Iraqi territory, caused con-cern to the British Government as it was seen as a potential threat to the Falklands. Egypt's co-operation with Argentina was first publicized in 1987.

A year later, several Egyp-tian nationals and military officers were arrested in the US on charges of trying to smuggle out "carbon-carbon" material which is usable for missile nose cones. Work on the programme in Egypt is believed to be carried out at the Sakr missile factory out-

Military analysts disa over when the Condor-2 will be ready for use, with some reports saying that it could be operative by the end of this year. They said that Egypt was also involved in a less publicized missile project with North Korea and noted that a high-level North Korean delegation left Cairo on Tuesday after three days of talks.

The extreme climate of nervousness in the Middle East, generated by Iraq's chemical weapons threat and Israel's response, has been compared by both Arab and Western diplomats to the build-up of war fever in the region before the 1973 Arab-

Itaq's hard-line Foreign Minister, Mr Taviq Aziz, added to the climate of instability by accusing Israel of planning attacks against Iraq to avoid losing its military

In a further sign of the Arab world rallying in support of

Potential members of the club

By Michael Evans Defence Correspondent

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A NUMBER of countries, apart from Israel and Iraq, are either close to or have the capability to develop nuclear

South Africa, reportedly with Israeh help, has developed the technology and is known to have carried out one nuclear test.

Other potential members of the nuclear club include Pakistan and India, both capable of producing bombs. They also have the appropriate. delivery systems. A US study estimated Pakistan would have enough nuclear material to build 10 bombs, and India. about 100.

Taiwan started a nuclear own ballistic missile with a programme 10 years ago but range of 800 miles. was stopped by Washington. Soon after the launching of Brazil and Argentina have the necessary technology to go North Korea is reported

strategist, urged Arab states to be building installations for co-operate in building a the purpose of developing nuclear deterrent. "Israel cer-nuclear weapons.

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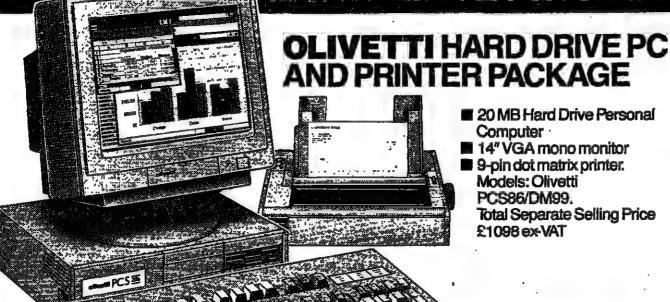
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US Senate backs tough measures to fight pollution

what is probably the loughest to be even tougher than the clean air legislation in the Senate's. world, aiming to curtail drastically acid rain, urban smog pollution on three fronts and toxic waste emissions by the turn of the century.

By 89 votes to 11 late on istration expects it to cost industry ultimately around proved a carefully crafted \$21.5 billion (£13.4 billion) a By 89 votes to 11 late on compromise that finally managed to bridge the opposing \$33 billion cost of meeting interests of coalmining, industrial and car-producing states on the one hand and environmentally sensitive states on

Those conflicting interests ere responsible for a 13-year legislative deadlock which scuppered several attempts during the 1980s to revise the feebly-enforced Clean Air Act of 1970. During that time atmospheric pollution grew steadily worse, with more than 100 cities recording unhealthy levels of smog and mounting age, particularly in New England. evidence of ecological dam-

President Bush, whose Administration can boast of no significant domestic achievements to date, described the would "affect generations to nine smoggiest cities. come as we work to build a deaner, safer America".

Democratic Senate leader, Mr George Mitchell, sulphur dioxide emissions by spent a month constructing the compromise with the White House, which had unveiled its own far-reaching Bill last July but was concerned to about 50 per cent on present keep down costs to industry, and then skilfully steered it through the Senate.

He called the vote a tremendous victory for the American people who can look forward to cleaner air for decades to come."

The House of Represent-

THE US Senate has version of the Bill, but in plants. The toxic emissions overwhelmingly approved several areas that looks likely legislation requires industry to

The Senate version attacks urban smog, toxic chemicals and acid rain, and the Adminyear on top of the estimated present pollution laws. Most of the extra costs would be passed on to consumers.

On smog, it states that all US cities must comply, through monitored annual improvements of 4 per cent, with federal health standards by 2000, with nine of the worst given until 2005 and Los Angeles, until 2010.

The ubiquitous car is the principal target. Car makers will have to introduce far tighter exhaust standards. Over three years to 1995 nitrogen oxide emissions will have to be cut by 60 per cent and hydrocarbons by 40 per cent, with a second round of 50 per cent cuts if necessary in Even stricter cuts, ments to date, described the involving new "super-clean vote as "historic" and said it fuel", will be required in the

To curb acid rain, the Senate Bill requires the 111 dirtiest power stations to cut 5 million tonnes by 1995, and over 300 power plants to make a further 5 million tonnes cut by 2000, giving a total cut of

Nitrogen oxide emissions would also be reduced substantially.

After 2000 there would be a nationwide cap on sulphurdioxide emissions, but power plants that clean up more than required will be able to sell their "allowances" to dirtier install the best available technology to reduce discharinto the atmosphere of 200

dangerons chemicals by between 75 and 90 per cent by 2000. Thereafter further action would be taken, if necessary, on a plant-by-plant

Industrialists opposed to the Bill gave a warning that the costs will far outweigh the potential benefits and will lead to thousands of job losses. Environmentalists contend that the Bill does not go far

Scores of lobbyists for both camps are now descending on the House of Representatives. Mr Mitchell said that he would work to have the legislation tightened still further in the House, but he knows that President Bush would veto the Bill if its present balance between costs to industry and benefits to the

environment was destroyed. The Clean Air Working Group, an industry lobbying organization, said it believed the cost to industry would be nearer to \$50 billion and would mean between 200,000 and 750,000 job losses. The National Association of Manufacturers called the Hill a regulatory disaster".

Car makers have calculated that the Bill will add more than \$100 to the cost of a new car, and are expected to resist strongly a provision in the House Bill which calls on them to certify a "capability" to produce a million cars by 1997 capable of running on clean fuels in the nine smoggi-

These are Los Angeles, New York, Houston, Chicago, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Milwaukee, San Diego and

Nepalese vandalizing a government lorry and bulkdozer sent in to clear barricades in the town of Patan set up after two pro-democracy demonstrators were killed and seven injured by police. Unrest has rocked Kathmandu Valley since the democracy campaign began in February

Turtle madness leaves America shell-shocked

From Charles Bremner, New York

ready made some \$350 mil-lion (£218.75 million) in turtle

merchandise, the television and press have proclaimed the

onset of "Turtle-madness",

and the unenlightened are

learning the basics of turtle-

speak. This consists mainly of

trademark expressions such as

"Cowabunga", and Californian surf-talk such as, "Hey,

The turtle story, devised by

o, then penniless artists in 1983, is a simple one. Four

pet-shop tortoises (known generically as "turtles" in

America) were dropped into a

manhole in New York where

they fell into a radioactive goo

that caused them to grow to

human size and acquire the

power to speak. Masters of the

Japanese martial arts, they

spend their time eating pizza, cracking slightly off-colour jokes and battling villains,

most of whom are unpleasant

little to say in favour of the

turtle blockbuster, which was

partially filmed at Mr Jim

Henson's Muppet studios in

London. The New York Times

stop violence, a trait that has

earned it a "parental guid-

criticized the film for its non-

The film critics have found

oriental stereotypes.

let's party, dudes".

ASK any American child to businessmen who have alidentify Leonardo, Donatello, Michelangelo and Raphael. You will almost certainly be told that they are a bunch of loud-mouthed, pizza-eating turtles who live in the New

A knowledge of Renaissance art is not required to join in the most bizarre cultural phenomenon to engulf the United States since well, the manufactured Batman craze of 1989. The new mania is called "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles".

Some see it as a warped symptom of America's obsession with Japan; some revile it as mindless exploitation; others see it as good harmless fun. Ninja Turtles, originally an obscure comic strip cult, crept up slowly on the country until last week. They were known only to children and longsuffering parents who caught a glimpse of the cartoon show, or who forked out to buy their offspring Ninja Turtle action figures, video games, tapes, cereal, shampoo, bed linen and michlike.

But last weekend saw the release of the movie, an event that elevated the comic strip 'heroes of the half shell" to the rank of commercial juggernaut. The film, featuring humans dressed up in spandex, rubber and high-tech masks, earned \$25 million (£15.6 million) in the first two

ance" rating. The newspaper called the film "itself a mutant of sorts ... a contentious, unslightly, toon." Roger Ebert, a syndic- don't take themselves too

damned it as "probably the | JAPAN appears to be bowing latest round of trade talks is best possible Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle movie": 'It's a very dark film and one wonders, after seeing it, if young Turtle fans are being denied the brightness and bounciness of an earlier generation of kiddie films,"

Many parents too are disconcerted by the crudeness of the villains, who go under names such as Bebop the Powerhouse Punk Enforcer. Teachers and sociologists have been criticizing the "cul-

tural message" of the turtles. According to Mr Kevin Eastman and Mr Peter Laird, the young, now rich, creators. the creatures originated as a benign parody of self-righteous, traditional cartoon superheroes. "We were sitting around ... we had watched a number of bad TV shows: T.J. Hooker, the A-Team and Love Connection. We got real punchy and for some reason l did a pencil sketch of a turtle with a mask. Then Pete did one, and another . . . Pete said, . Why not call them Teenage

Mutant Ninja Turtles? The television cartoon show appears daily on 130 stations. Three videotapes rank in the top 10 children's category and Turtle figures were the thirdbiggest selling toy last Christmas. At the root of the success, says Mr Mark Freedman, the licensing agent, is their sense bybrid of martial arts exploita-of humour. "They talk di-tion, film and live-action car-rectly to the audience and they

There are those for whom only a very special, traditionally handmade

A desire to leave the 'clutches' of the predictable signifies a return.

to the skills of the master confectioner - which instinctively means

and decorated Easter Egg will suffice.

Japan agrees satellite pact

to US demands for easier access to its markets in the face of threatened US sanctions against its imports.

Tokyoagreed in principle late on Tuesday to allow overseas companies to bid for business in commercial communications satellites with the Japanese Government and its public sector Reencies.

Two weeks ago, both na-tions agreed on terms that will permit the United States to sell supercomputers to Japan's public sector.

The provisional satellite agreement, which is expected to be signed this month, the past weeks from the Bush Administration for Japan to open its markets more to foreign imports.

Congress has pledged to impose mandatory sanctions on Japanese goods entering the United States unless Tokyo meets a series of deadlines by mid-June on relaxing restrictions on US imports.

Talks are expected to begin next week in Tokyo on timber products, which are the final of three areas in dispute under the so-called Super 301 clause of American trade law.

The United States and Jain Washington on the main causes of Washington's animbalance has long been a meet President Bush yesthorn in their relations. The terday.

part of an unprecedented effort begun last summer to change some of the two nation's business methods and economic policies.

US companies have a strong technological lead over Japan in the commercial satellite industry and are anxious to gain access to a market worth billions of dollars a year.

The basic agreement aims to end US criticism that the Japanese Government has excluded foreign competition to nurture its own infant satellite

Earlier this week, Japan offered the United States a range of significant concessions on trade issues.

These included easier rules for the establishment of large department stores in Japan, a proposal to spend more on public works and tougher penalties on Japanese firms found guilty of bid-rigging.

The United States has been irritated that laws protecting small shop-owners in Japan have prevented it from moving a large toy company to

In a sign of increased efforts by Japan to persuade Washington it is trying to address US concerns, the concessions were delivered personally to pan are currently holding talks US trade negotiators on Monday by two special envoys sent by the Japanese Prime Minnual \$50 billion (£31 billion) ister, Mr Toshiki Kaifu. The trade deficit with Japan. The two envoys were scheduled to

El Salvador peace moves meet with initial success

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

A DETERMINED effort to and a decade of civil war in El Soto, his personal repre-Salvador, launched yesterday under United Nations auspi-ces, has met with initial

Both parties in the conflict the El Salvador Government and the Farabundo Marti Front for National Libagreed to start direct talks in the first week of May.

Señor Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the UN Secretary-General, said both sides had assured him of their "serious intention and good faith to achieve a negotiated settle-

The initial objective of the talks, he said, was to seek an greement to halt the fighting and to end "acts that infringe the rights of the civil population". Such an agreement would be verified by UN

Once this was achieved, the two parties could get on with democratization of the country and reunitingSalvadorean society. This will include reintegration of members of the liberation front in the institutional and political life of the country.

The dialogue will continue between the two sides though not in Geneva - under the guidance of Señor Pérez de

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Señor de Soto said at a news conference that the place and, tiations could not be disclosed. He said the fact that central role showed that they

were serious about nego-Once they have reached this ge, they can only succeed, he added. Following the press conference, leaders of both

delegations conferred with Senor de Soto. They agreed that after further consultations with him, and "a period of preparation and reflection", direct meet-ings between the two sides would start in the first week of

Señor Oscar Santamaria, El Salvador's Minister of Justice and spokesman for the comtry's Dialogue Commission, is leading the government delegation, while Commander Shafik Handal, a member of the liberation front's five-manGeneral Commanders Group, is their chief

Earlier, Commander Handal said he had reserva-Commander tions about the Government's

Cuellar or Senor Alvaro de intentions. "The signals coming from the other side are not that promising," he told a news conference. But the involvement of the UN has lessened some of his misgiv-

Although all parties have agreed that the talks must be both sides had appealed to the confidential, the front has scite under UN supervision constitutional reform including more deputies to the National Assembly, at the same time as next year's elections for the assembly.

MONTELIMAR: The five in this Nicaraguan town calling for all Contra rebels to be disarmed by April 25, the day the US-backed Government due to take office in Nicaragua

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The accord, signed after a two-day summit here, said the demobilization and disarming of the Contras must start

Cocaine violence **flares**

Medellin - Gunmen, presumed to be working for the Medellin cocaine cartel, have unleashed a new wave of violence here, leaving 24 people dead and a prominent

senator held hostage. In the latest bloodshed, men rmed with automatic weapons opened fire on customers and employees in a shop, killing six people and wound-ing nine, police said. (AFP)

Balloon rules

Canberra — Australia has drawn up new safety rules, including better pilot training, for commercial ballooning in the wake of accidents which last year killed 17 people, mostly tourists.

Airport closed

Port-au-Prince - The airport here has been closed for two days because a disgruntled soldier with a sub-machinegun has taken over an empty airliner of American

Aids cases rise

southern Bolivia, Argentina and Uruguay increased by 217 per cent in 1989, the largest increase in the western hemisphere, the World Health Organization said. (AFP)

Guerrillas held

Como - Two convicted Italian Red Brigades guerrillas on parole have been arrested near the Swiss border with an arsenal of weapons concealed

Rebels kill four

Harare - Three young girls and a woman of 60 were killed by Mozambican rebels who raided a village in the Rushinga area of north-east-ern Zimbabwe. (AFP)

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here is a deal of embarrassment in the Pentagon over one of its more expensive toys. This week, with much pride and glossy photographs, the Defence Department unveiled its Stealth fighter. cousin of the larger and even more costly Stealth bomber. Naturally wishing Congress to vote enormous piles of money to buy more of these things, Pentagon officials were positively glowing about the capabilities of the fighter, especially its ability to drop



Off target: the new Stealth

small bombs with pinpoint accuracy. But the truth will always out. It now transpires that the fighter was secretly deployed during the invasion of Panama, with the task of making a very precise bombing raid on one of Noriega's barracks. The 2,000lb bomb was to be dropped exactly 165 yards away, so as to frighten the wits out of the enemy without blowing them all up. Alas, it went off hundreds of yards distant. Nothing wrong with the plane, the Pentagon now say in a frantic attempt to save face; it was all a bungle of misunderstood orders. One general ordered 165 yards, another thought it was 275 yards, the Air Force believed it was 55 yards, and the Army colonel who led the subsequent assault hadn't a clue what the Air Force were supposed to be doing.

study of MPs' academic backgrounds reveals a curious fact; this Parliament appears to be the first in history in which products of state education outnumber those from public schools. Albert Armstrong of Hatfield, who has ploughed through every entry in The Times Guide to the House of Commons, reports that following the 1987 election there are now 272 MPs educated at local authority (including voluntary-aided) schools, while the independent sector (including the old direct-grant schools) can summon only 264. Leaving out the VA and direct-grant alumni, the state-educated lot have a majority of 20 over the traditional independent boarding and day schools.

Mind you, the old order has not disappeared entirely; Eton provided 46 current MPs, while comprehensives have supplied only eight. About 100 MPs were educated abroad or, for reasons best known to themselves, declined to disclose their education. What this great social shift means is not entirely clear, but if the behaviour in the Chamber is marginally less noisy and loutish than before, it has nothing to do with schooling and all to do with

y warmest congratulations to Si-mon Brocklebank-Fowler, son of the former MP for North-West deserting the Conservatives for the SDP, for choosing to enter politics at the deep end. Not only is he defending one of the two marginals in Lady Porter's tenuously-held empire of Westminster City Council; I particularly admire him for trading under his full, if somewhat cumbersome, name. In this he has chosen not to emulate that other product of Westminster School, the former Lord Stansgate, who has spent his political career progressively shortening his.

 On the very day that the General Medical Council handed down its verdict on the Turkish kidney

saga, how carious to receive a letter from Ankara bearing a 600 lira postage stamp with the exhortation: "Organ bagisi ve organ nakli", which the Turkish embassy translated freely for me as "Carry a doner card for organ transplants." And and a pair of kidneys.



there, in the picture, are a heart, an eye -

This column has received some rather breathless sales literature on the Complete Electronic Bible. This pocket-sized computer-type gadget has in its memory the entire Old and New Testaments in the New International Version, plus such indispensable features as a built-in electronic concordance, an electronic bookmark ("for returning to favourite passages"), an eight-line display screen and a spelicheck facility which offers a list of alternative words. Future bolt-on accessories promised by the manufacturers include a daily devotional guide, and Hebrew and Greek language aids. Compared with traditional versions, £299.95 seems to me exceedingly steep. But of course, with the Oxford University Press edition, you don't get a built-in calculator, clock and an alarm to rouse you to matins.

published its proposals to grant the right of abode to sclected Hong Kong citizens. We know already of opposition within sections of the Conservative party to any concessions on the right of entry into the United Kingdom. How the Government's proposals will fare, what the political consequences

resterday the Government

will be, is not yet clear. But we are likely to be reminded yet again of Richard Crossman's diary observation in 1965 that the issue of immigration can turn into "the hottest potato in politics".

It is worth emphasizing that Britain has generally functioned as a net exporter rather than a net importer of people, though some periods, for example the years immediately preceeding the 1962 Commonwealth Immigrants Act, witnessed a reversal of this trend. Even so, there is also a long tradition of arrival into the country, and it is hard to find a period when there

were no "strangers in the land".

The history of immigration into Britain since 1945 shows a continuation of the process of entry evident earlier. Although the overwhelming public interest in recent years has focused on the arrival and settlement of Afro-Caribbean and Asian

First, let us concede that Mr

Gorbachov is entirely sincere in

his repeated assertions about

freeing the people over whom he

rules. Let us go on to suppose that sooner or later the perpetra-

tors (or some of them) of the

crimes against the rights of the

Soviet people will be brought to

justice. At the same time, let us

recognize that however pas-

sionate for freedom he is,

Gorbechov cannot himself deal

with each detail in the field of

human rights, nor can he pos-

sibly know the circumstances of

every instance of injustice. Here

comes Mr Hurd's chance.

Adopting his most conciliatory

tone, he draws his host's atten-

tion to the case of Adolf

Borisovich Gorvitz. Mr Gorvitz, born in 1938, is a

Jew, and in 1977 he applied for

an exit visa. It was refused, with

no reason given (he had never had anything to do with secret

he had). His mother was allowed

out in 1979, and settled in Israel;

thereafter he made many

applications to join her, all of

which were refused. She died in

1984. Early in 1981 he was

arrested on false charges of

taking bribes. The bribes were

supposed to have been given by

people trying to obtain accom-

modation in an apartment block.

though at the time Mr Gorvitz

was not in a position to allocate

apartments to applicants.

The KGB officer who dealt

with the case (we even know his

name: Bendassov), took 20

months to prepare the charges, while Mr Gorvitz remained in

prison. When he was finally

brought to court, his trial was

held in camera. He had been

allowed a lawyer, but at the trial

a lawyer unfamiliar with the case

was substituted; in effect, there-

fore, he was unrepresented.

Some of the hired witnesses had

never so much as met Mr

Gorvitz, and one of them did not

even turn up at the trial. In the

course of the proceedings, Mr

Gorvitz was pressed to make

accusations against innocent

people, but he refused. His copy

of the verdict and the trial

transcript were taken from him.

thus making virtually impossible

any appeal or other legal process

He was sentenced to 10 years

imprisonment in the category

called "strict regime". Those

who believe that the Gulag no longer exists are now invited to

amend their belief, in the light of

a letter that he managed to get

out to the West. This is it, in

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Colin Holmes on the implications of the Hong Kong proposals

Immigration: the issue that could take centre stage

continental Europe and the Republic of Ireland. At the time of the last census the Irish remained the largest single immigrant minority. Even with the substantial increase of Afro-Caribbean and Asian groups since 1945, albeit from a low base, the majority of immigrants into Britain have been white.

groups been received? One of the powerful celebratory traditions of our history emphasizes Britain's role as a centre or haven of toleration: a country in which decency triumphs over evil. The projection of this image is widespread and it has been taken up by many immigrants and refugees. The Chief Rabbi's maiden speech in the House of Lords in 1988 is a recent striking tes-

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timony to the image of a country blessed with a tradition of toleration, itself an offshoot of the wider tree of liberty.

This image of Britain as a haven which lodges in the psyche of many newcomers is often related to their horrendous experiences at home. In many societies, the persecution of minorities has been of a far different nature to the hostility which immigrants have suffered

However, complacency is un-warranted; we need to recognize that on many occasions, toleration has been glaringly absent. It might be lacking yet again if too many concessions are made over entry from Hong Kong. These tensions have mirrored the fears and anxieties which immigration has brought in its train, and which politicians have exploited

the 20th century the arrival of Jews from Russian Poland produced a campaign which resulted eventually in the 1905 Aliens Act, the first substantial control of alien immigration this century. In the 1960s, fears generated by the arrival of groups from the Caribbean and the Indian sub-continent led in

1962 to the first restrictions by

the British government on immigration from the Commonwealth. Later controls, such as

those imposed in 1965, 1968,

1971, and 1988, have closed the door even more firmly. At both popular and official levels - and the two are in-extricably linked - debates on immigration have at times been fierce and action has been de-

migration has been wider than

such issues alone would suggest. Despite the fears and the tensions, there is a positive side to immigration.

Immigrants and refugees have made significant if often unrecognized contributions to British society. Irish labourers played a monumental part in laying the infrastructure of modem Britain. One can hardly overestimate the role of German Jews in the development of the City of London. The influence since 1945 of groups such as the Italians and the Hong Kong Chinese in the service sector cannot be denied.

The cultural contribution of newcomers is also significant. To take one example, the arrival of refugees from Nazi Germany in the 1930s immeasurably enriched British society. A Times leader following the death of

seldom occurs without conflict However, it can confer advan-

However, it can coming anym-tages whether in the short or in the long term. So far, the increase in immigration of ethnic Chinese from Hong Kong since the end of the Second World War has generated relarively little opposition, even if it does not pay to be excessively ballish on this score. But there can be no doubt that with the approach of 1997, the issue of mmigration from the colony is unlikely to go away. One commentator offered ad-

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In short, immigration has

complex consequences, and it

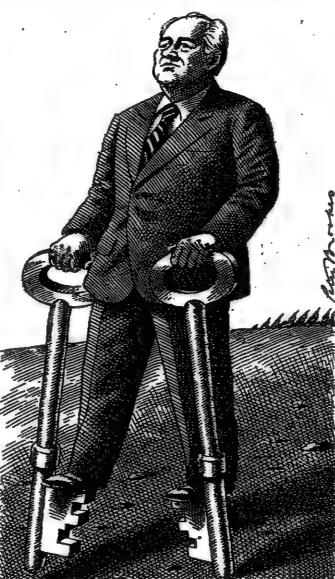
point with dramatic force

vice recently on "Why we must not open the Hong Kong floodgate". In sharp contrast, another argued for "an acceptable safety net". Yesterday we had our first official indication of how the Government views its obliga-tions towards the Hong Kongers. As a consequence we could encounter Richard Crossman's hot-potato, the issue of immigration, moving once more towards, the centre of British politics.

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Where liberty still lacks any stature

Bernard Levin offers the Foreign Secretary goes to Mos-cow; he has promised Secretary a case of blatant abuse to raise with Mr Gorbachov the question of buman rights in the Soviet Union. of human rights which he should When he has finished discussing the weather, he might start on the topic of human rights with a raise in his talks with Gorbachov rather spectacularly abominable case of abuse thereof.



56 degrees, and there was thick fog. For us prisoners in the Yakutsk camps, things are pretty bad. Here now the cold is terribly severe and one's body freezes to one's jacket. We condemn Communism because as a result of it everybody has suffered. May pluralism flourish in the world and may there be freedom and faith in God.

There for these are five age.

These few lines are for you, my friends. In December we suffered a great loss, with the passing of a great man who had a great and most sensitive heart — Andrei Sakharov. Here in these northern Soviet penal camps he had many sincere friends. Andrei was a MAN who had the courage to stand up to the Soviet totali-

With me there is no change so far. I am serving time in a "strict regime camp". In these Soviet northern camps the have created all the condition so that a man can't last out. Here in Yakuta inside the Arctic Circle in the region of permatiost, of permanent win-ter temperatures, with dread-

ful food and very hard labour, we have to make and carry heavy concrete blocks, each weighing 30 kgs, and there is no mechanized production. It is all hand work. I am not telling you this to arouse fasting of vity for more fasting. feelings of pity for myself and my fellow prisoners. I simply want you, in a free country, to know what sufferings people in the USSR have to undergo

for their beliefs and a desire to emigrate. I wish you for the New Year all of the very best, May God help us all! Mr Gorvitz has no living relative other than an elderly uncle, a chronic invalid, also in Israel. I am sorry for the epis-tolary form of this column, but I must quote from another letter, received early last year by the prisoner's ancle.

It will very soon be seven yours since my arrest. I was sentenced to 10 years for nothing. I had never committed any crime...my case is falsified from the begining to the end, but nobody...reconsiders my case, all the time I receive

formal answers — refusals. It is difficult to prove one's inno-cence in prison. But nothing can be done, a fate is a fate and

can be done, a time is a nate and, everybody has to drink his cup till he seen the bordom.

In June 1987 an amnesty took place in Russia, but the prosecutor has refused to free me because I am a "malicious distributed". This was because that disturber. But you know that I do not drink, I am not a gambler and I am not a criminal at all. Simply, some-body sense was a criminal at all. Simply, somebody wants me to spend my days in prison.

As I said, I do not imagine that Mr Gorbachov has the leisure to investigate every crime against humanity taking place in his realms. And even I would not condemn him for putting aside such matters in view of the hideously complex range of fun-damental problems his decaying country poses. Still, he now holds a position which gives him the power (he had the power before, of course, though not formally) to call for anything and anyone and to demand an immediate explanation.

t is, I suppose, just possible that he does not read The Times, but we can be sure that Ambassador Zamyatin does; I positively agairmed with ssure the other day, at that wonderfully crawling "Good old judicious to write, now that the increasingly free press back home has suggested that he is himself ripe for retribution.

Whatever else Mr. Gorbachov is, or may turn out to be, he is not a man who deals in illusions. One glance at the Gorvitz file would be enough for him to see that the entire case was frauduleat. As I say, it is unlikely that he has the time to give it even that signce. But for a very long time now, he has been wisely surrounding himself with likeminded men, and one or two of them must surely be in charge of the monumental and virtually interminable task of sifting through the crimes committed against justice in the years of the greater terror and the less.

Besides, there is profit in it. If Gorbachov wants the rest of the world to think well of him and of his efforts to transform his country - and that he most certainly does want - the righting of a wrong as wicked as the one visited upon Mr Gorvitz, even if it is not accompanied by the punishment of those responsible, would serve his purpose and his image admirably. Nikolai Bukharin and his

associates were put to death by Stalin in 1938, though they were entirely innocent of the crimes they were accused of. Half a century later, almost to the day, their sentences were retrospectively annulled, their fate was denounced as the murder it was, and their names restored to their rightful place in Soviet history.

But they were dead, and could not rejoice in their posthumous rehabilitation; Adolf Gorvitz is give thanks for his. Should he not, now, be given the opportunity to do so?

Ray Wyre calls for imaginative

treatment of sex offenders:

Don't abuse the abusers

ver since the 1971 prison on sex offenders; in many cases not at Kingston, Ontario, prison is necessary. but the in which a group of sex offenders were tortured and two of them were killed, prison officers have been warning that it was only a matter of time before such an attack occurred in

The long-standing hostility to sex offenders had already intensified following the trial in 1966 of the Moors Murderers, Ian Brady and Myra Hindley. After their beinous crimes were detailed in the press, there was a tendency to put all sex offenders on a par with sadists who rape and kill children. The tabloid press has continually reinforced this false impression, and the licence to attack sex offenders within prisons has been increasing. The worst fears have been falfilled with the victors stacks

at Strangeways.
At present, sex offenders constitute the majority of prisoners granted protection under rule 43, but there have been calls for this protection to be withdrawn. One Tory backbencher has even said that rule 43 should not apply to sex offenders, so that other prisoners can "get at them".

The truth is that many sex offenders - who may have been ing in public lavatories or indecent exposure - are pathetic and in need of treatment. Instead of recognizing this, many of their fellow prisoners feel that attacks on them are justified; indeed, murderers, armed robbers and other prisoners can add to their own status and power in jail by becoming judge, jury and executioner.

Such kangaroo courts enable prisoners to be complacent about their offences. Sex offenders, even those awaiting trial, become convenient scapegoats. Experience shows that it is often the inadequate sex offenders, convicted of relatively minor offences, who are the targets of attacks in prison. To give one example, Les, aged 63, was recently jailed for three months for an indecent act - far from rape - with his grand-daughter. In court, he said he loved her deeply and wrongly believed she had given consent. The child needs treatment and nothing can excuse his behaviour. Nevertheless, Les is a frail man with cancer, and this is his first time in prison. Yet he was attacked, and needed three days in hospital. Does society feel that this heiped his grand-daughter? She already felt guilty for reporting him, and now has to live with the

knowledge of the attack. Such attacks, furthermore, put offender might well go to any lengths, perhaps murder, to avoid arrest. And there is a grave risk that the beaten or tortured ported. prisoner may inflict the same Ray Wyre is director of the abuse on innocent victims after release. Indeed, I know of exof Women, Men and Rape,
prisoners who have killed.

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prison is necessary, but the infliction of violence by fellow prisoners is the last thing that will make a man loving, caring and responsible. To allow the impression that attacks on sex offenders are to be condoned, indeed are legitimate, will undermine attempts at rehabilitation

and put the public further at risk. Informing public opinion and changing the climate of under-standing is essential. We have to get across the message that sex offenders need treatment both in and out of prison. In view of the terrible events

at Strangeways, the methods of containing prisoners under rule 43 must also be reassessed. The prison service faces difficulties whichever way it turns. If sex offenders are not segregated, they will be at considerable risk. If the prison service pretends that they have been convicted of other crimes, it colludes with their dentals and accuse and no treatment can take place. Radio broadcasts make it very difficult to keep the nature of some offences secret, for prisoners listen to local stations avidly. gaining details of those appearing before the courts. It does not take much power of deduction to a sex offender.

If the prison service were to segregate sex offenders without treating them, they would simply share their fantasies and contrive to justify their offences by ming their victims.

ne possible approach is to develop secure assessment and treatment centres for men convicted of sexual. offences. This would allow them to be assessed, without having to disguise their offences, so that they could then be given appropriate treatment. In some circumstances, following assessment, an offender would be dealt with by the probation service group therapy once a week might be adequate - while others might be dealt with in institutions such as the Gracewell Clinic, Birmingham, which runs residential treatment programmes for child sex abusers and their families.

Other men would have to remain locked up, but they might be kept in a prison dealing. specifically with sex offenders. This is increasingly feasible in a society in which sexual aggression is increasing.

The existing system of nonintervention clearly does not work. For too long initiatives have been avoided because we cannot be sure that they will be women and children at greater effective. But until we try them risk. Knowing what might be in we shall never know. A few new store for him in prison, the sex approaches to treatment have. been tried, and the evidence is that they have worked. But they need to be developed and sup-

Gracewell Clinic and is co-author Of course we must not be soft and Stoughton, £4.99.

A MAN from BBC television news rang last week to say that Glenda Jackson had been adopted as Labour candidate for Hampstead and Highgate. I asked why he was telling me this; he had not phoned when Lithuania declared its independence and I had had to find out the result of the Calcutta Cup match all by myself.

The BBC newsman said it was because Ms Jackson is a celebrity seeking election to Parliament and, according to their records, I was the last celebrity to win a seat. "What is it like, can we send the cameras, will you talk about the sort of reception you got and Glenda Jackson is likely to

receive if she gets in?" We conversed at I am; the cameras arrived at 11.45; the item was carried on the News at 1.20; impressive high-tech even if limited in viewer appeal. As I explained to the interviewer,

Enter member from stage, left right lobby was when I found the instantly recognizable figure of Cyril Smith and followed in his ferences between Glenda Jackson's arrival at Westminster and mine: first, she will take her seat slipstream. A new Labour memwith a substantial number of

other debutants, to the customary mutterings by established MPs that "they look just like a Japanese trade delegation, can't tell one from the other". I got in at a by-election, a new boy among 633 old hands. Secondly, she will be welcomed a substantial number of poiitical allies. When I arrived, there

were eight Liberals in the House

- effectively seven, for one spent

most of his time in Europe. Came

the call of "Division", the only

way I knew I was voting in the

ber will have all sorts of colleagues delegated to be of But the BBC newsman had a good point the great British

public is deeply suspicious of celebrities who wish to go straight. Even the great East Anglian Liberal public in the 1970s was apprehensive. When I was shortlisted for the Isle of Ely by-election in 1973, there were only nine members of the association to decide between me and the other applicant. Embarrassed by this small number, the sec-



retary was deputed to swell the crowd from an adjacent old people's home... who voted me in by 12 votes to nine. Old people are in favour of vision. Political activists, on the other hand, feel that you cannot do better than plump for a uni-

versity lecturer. At the general election following my victory, both Conservative and Labour went around telling my constituents that it was ignominious for them to be represented by "someone from television". I quintupled my majority. For the next three Parliaments, however. I remained, to my political opponents, the MP who used to be on TV. did adverts, nudge-nudge, was a director of the Playboy Club, ho ho ho.

So what, said I; my Labour

they, "He's clean," I was an MP for five Parliaments, and then lost my seat in

1987. "When we first voted for you," said one of my local supporters, nibbling seed-cake at the wake, "you were always on the box. The only time we see you these days is doing those boring political programmes; no wonder you didn't get in again."

There is a lesson here for Ms. Jackson - although, if she were to hold on for five Parliaments, she could be 78 and might not want to continue.

As to physically taking her seat, she may be interested in what. faces they recognize from tele- Party opponent is a prison officer. happened to the last celebrity to

make it to Westminster, According to the papers of the day, following Mr Freud's arrival at the Bar of the Chamber, there were ribald (some broadsheets called it humorous) references to the fact that the new MP had been a cook and appeared on a TV commercial." One particularly flat-brained Midlands member punctuated my progress towards

the mace with fierce barking. As Glenda Jackson is not averse to stripping in the cause of cinematic art, I wonder whether some Conservative member might mark the occasion by taking off his or her clothes, now that the proceedings are televised, a partiamentary streaker is one of the few happenings we have not yet witnessed. Hearing a passionate female voice esponsing support for the less fortunate people of this country will be welcome also.

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A STOPGAP BILL

The Nationalities Bill presented to Parliament vesterday makes no claim to be a solution to the predicament of Hong Kong's people as they face being handed over to mainland Chinese rule in 1997. The Bill empowers the Home Secretary to restore the full British passports, to which they were all once entitled, to 50,000 Hong Kong heads of household deemed "essential to Hong Kong's stability".

The purpose is blatantly pragmatic, to keep the colony's wheels turning in the twilight of British rule, by giving a bolt-hole insurance policy to important people who would otherwise emigrate, and thus induce them-to stay. The criterion for eligibility that accompanies the Bill is unequivocal: the numbers of passports to be allocated to occupational groups will be determined principally by "propensity to emigrate". Eligibility is based on a points system heavily weighted in favour of the most useful (and mobile) age group of those in their thirties.

The moral obligation of post-imperialism is thus reduced to crude opportunism. Yet some sympathy with the Government's predicament over Hong Kong is in order and the Bill does represent an important advance. By removing the requirement to "earn" a passport by taking up residence in this country, it acknowledges the longstanding demand of Hong Kong people for "passports to stay in Hong Kong". The Bill itself is essential, since the merepromise of passports in extremis would not have sufficed to stem the emigration. One reason is that the Labour Party refuses to accept any obligation to restore full citizenship to Hong Kong's British subjects.

The Government has been right to vest responsibility for what are bound to be delicate decisions over eligibility in the Governor of Hong Kong. This commits the Home Secretary to accept the Governor's recommendations, subject only to a reserve power to reject them on grounds of bad character.

On the other hand, the Bill makes these eligibility decisions inordinately difficult by setting the total number of passports so low. The best independent estimates of the numbers likely to emigrate between now and 1997, unless they have the security of British or other foreign passports, suggest that six times the present number would be needed to halt an exodus already under way. The danger, as the Governor of Hong Kong has stated, is that the scheme will prove too modest to generate the critical minimum of confidence.

The issue of numbers has apparently been decided not on advice from the colony but from Government whips in the House of Commons. They in turn have been vulnerable to an attempt to stir latent anti-immigration sentiment by Mr Norman Tebbit and a group of Tory rebels. Their campaign ignores the reality of Hong Kong's plight as comprehensively as it rejects Britain's indubitable obligations to the colony. Mr Tebbit appeals to the Tory manifesto's opposition to mass

The reality is that, short of a genocidal cataciysm, few people in Hong Kong would wish to come to this country. If such a cataclysm did occur, Britain would be obliged to honour its commitment to the British passport holders - indeed also to those without them, since Britain would, under international refugee protocols, be the country of refuge of first resort.

The rebels hope, possibly with mischievous Labour support, to derail or delay the passage of the Bill through a filibuster aimed at keeping the issue on the front burner into the summer recess and the Conservative Party conference, As the remaining grains of sand run through Hong Kong's hourglass, these rebels will have helped to bring about precisely the collapse of confidence which would make real the prospect of mass immigration they are now

For once, the Foreign Office has held its ground against China's vehement objections to the passport scheme, and firmness has paid off. Peking, which in January threatened to debar British passport-holders from all public office and deprive them of British consular protection, agreed a month later that they could be members of Hong Kong's post-1997 Leg-islative Council. That should encourage the Government to press ahead, keeping options open should the scheme need extension. Amid all the brouhaba about parliamentary tactics, Britain's obligation in this matter should not be forgotten. It is, as the Government used to say, the long-term welfare of Hong Kong's citizens.

FOR LOVE OR MONEY

The kidneys-for-sale case at the General Medical Council may have ended yesterday, but it did so without resolving the ethical question on which it turned. Once it had decided the facts, the GMCs professional conduct committee had only to apply what is clearly a general consensus among doctors in. Brimin: that the idea of selling human organs for transplantation is horrific. One leading kidney specialist was ordered to be struck off the medical register - the profession's ultimate censure - and two others, also found guilty of serious misconduct, were placed under formal restriction on their future practice.

The verdict was motivated by the same distaste as persuaded Parliament last year to pass the Human Organ Transplants Act, outlawing the sale of human organs. Parliament was apparently unmoved by the evidence of what is now a booming international trade in organs. The Act may ensure that London does not become the centre of this trade, but it will make little difference to its growth in the rest of the world. There is a demand and a supply; market price will bring them into equilibrium.

Is Britain's aversion to the trade mere squeamishness, a refusal to face up to the fastchanging economics of modern health care? Or are Parliament and the GMC upholding a sound moral principle? Both the Act and the medical code of ethics permit one human being to donate a kidney or similar organ to another, for nothing, if they are related by blood or marriage. Most people would regard the donation of a kidney in such circumstances as noble. Indeed the more people who are encouraged to consent to organ donation after their own death, the better. In America, blood can be sold for profit - though blood is. replaceable, whereas kidney removal is techmcally self-mutilation.

It is thus praiseworthy for a loving father to donate his kidney to his daughter. But suppose she has some other medical condition, to

which a kidney transplant is not relevant. What is morally wrong in his selling to a third party the kidney he would willingly have donated to her, in order to raise money to pay for her medical treatment for this other

This argument is persuasive but stands at the top of a slippery slope. The hard case of the hypothetical father and daughter (which is not so far from the evidence considered by the GMC) obviously deserves sympathy rather than outrage. But hard cases make bad law. To make the principle that organ transfers should be motivated by family affection and charity but not by profit dispensable in special circumstances would plainly undermine it altogether. It would soon justify the sale of organs for a good cause whatever the destination of the sale price: a peasant to stop his family starving, a businessman to stop his factory closing, even a student to pay for his education. Ultimately, the concept of motive would be abandoned and self-mutilation (possibly not wholly voluntary self-mutilation) would become a commonplace last resort.

In permitting organ transfer where no money changes hands, the new Act and the medical consensus have moved away from a morally absolutist high ground; that there are some things concerning their own body to which people may never morally or lawfully consent. That is a situational morality to which most would now subscribe. But a line does need to be drawn between different sorts of motive, and the authorities appear to have drawn it correctly: there are some motives for self-mutilation which ought to be ruled out, others which are legitimate. Mutilation for profit falls into the former category, for charity into the latter. It may seem a sentimental distinction in this no-nonsense age. But a sophisticated society is one which knows how to draw lines of subtle moral distinction. Here is one such line.

KING BAUDOUIN'S DAY OFF

The abdication early yesterday of the Belgian monarch, Baudonin I, might have been an act of self-sacrifice by a king who had chosen to place his conscience before his regal obligations. His expected restoration a day later by parliamentary fiat is, however, unprecedented. It will leave behind a constitutional shambles: rarely good for monarchies.

To renounce a throne in favour of an heir has often proved a prudent policy for constitutional monarchs in an age of popular sovereignty. But a throne which commands widespread national - and international respect is not an office like any other, to be resigned and then resumed at the whim of the other organs of the constitution. Modern monarchy depends on gently bending to the winds of democracy, not suddenly cracking before them. The "dignified" parts of the constitution cannot retain that dignity if their actual subordination to the "efficient" parts is so destructively demonstrated.

To the question of whether a similar crisis could arise in Britain, more than one answer is possible. The unwritten constitution is unclear on the ultimate source of royal authority. There is no true parallel with the Counsellors of State who perform the duties of the sovereign while she is abroad.

The occasion for the Belgian conflict was an abortion Bill: an issue which engaged the King's moral and religious convictions to the maximum extent. In Britain, the monarch is also the supreme governor of the Church of England. The middle way is the essence of Anglicanism and, for this reason alone, a British monarch is unlikely to find him or herself forced to choose between obedience to

the canons of the established church and the constitutional obligation to assent to a Bill passed by Parliament.

Nevertheless, it is certainly conceivable that a monarch of passionately held principles such as the Prince of Wales has, to his credit, shown himself likely to be - might find himself expected to assent to a Bill against which his conscience rebelled. In such a case, a temporary regency like that of George III's reign might be a theoretical possibility.

However, that regency was not a constitutional fiction, but was necessitated by the incapacity of the King; only thus was it a tolerable expedient. In the case of the abdication of Edward VIII, it never arose. His choice lay between conformity to convention and loss of the throne.

By a nice paradox, the Belgian monarchy was the product of 1830, a year of revolutions. In Britain, the monarch's constitutional pedigree is somewhat different. The "Glorious Revolution" of 1688 preceded the triumph of the principle of popular sovereignty, and the British monarchy thus survived into modern times with its prerogatives substantially intact,

even if dormant. Despite the incessant invasion of royal privacy, the British still shroud their monarchs with a veil of sacral mythology. There is about them still a faint echo of their ancestors, les rois thaumaturges with their healing touch. Constitutional devices of the Belgian variety are incompatible with an institution of this kind. The British would sooner declare a republic than subject their monarchy to such an ignominious political device.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Changes to the charge that everyone loves to hate

From Mr David Kemp, QC Sir, Your leading article on March 29 postulated a possible Govern-ment retreat back to the old rating system. May I suggest a modifica-tion of that system?

The rate psyable on a dwelling house should comprise two components. The first would be a rate calculated, as now, on its be a standard charge, fixed from time to time by central govern-ment, in respect of every person resident in the house. It should be a modest amount, say £100. The total sura would constitute the rate payable in respect of the dwelling house and recoverable in the same way as under the old rating system.

The advantages would lie in the case of collecting and recovering the rate, and in the fact that, while the rateable value component would broadly reflect the payer's ability to pay, the standard charge component would broadly reflect the use made by the household of services provided by the rates.

The payer's reaction to the amount of the rateable value component, determined by the local authority, should provide a sanction against excessive expen-diture by the local authority. Yours faithfuly, Yours faithfuly, DAVID KEMP.

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From Mr Henry Law Sir, As you pointed out in your leading article, a brave and wise government would reinstate the rating system in 1991. Sooner or later, this must happen, because every attempt to modify the community charge will create fresh poverty traps. The system would then be continually under revision to mornallous cause came to light and the legislation amended to take account of them,

spawning, in turn, new anomalic Reinstatement of the former rating system should, however, be regarded only as a stop-gap mea-sure. It was, indeed, a roof tax, and had the grave disadvantage that improvements were penalised; in the case of domestic property, higher rates would be psyable on a house with central heating and a garage than on a property which was identical apart from possess-ing these amenities, whilst the owner of a derelict shell would be exempt from payment altogether. The uniform business rate still suffers from the same disadvantage, since fixed equipment and plant is included in the

The rating of buildings is, in fact, an unnecessary complexity, since sufficient revenue can be raised by basing the valuation on the land alone. Under this arrangement, known as site value rating, the majority of the present ratepayers would pay less because vacant sites and under-developed and agricultural land, not at present included in the rating base, would be brought into the system. Every resident and every activity uses of indirectly, and a rate based on the value of used or occupied land would be paid, directly or in-

directly, by every citizen. Site value rating is now the only practicable alternative to the community charge and the unified business rate, and the sooner that all of the main political parties realise this, the better. Legislators need look no further than the London Rating (Site Values) Bill 1939, which spelled out the work-ing details for implementing a system of site value rating. Only minor amendments would be required to adapt it to present day conditions.

HENRY LAW. 19 Queen's Gardens, Brighton, Sussex.

Threat to Downs From Mr Robin Crane

Sir. Further to your Agriculture Correspondent's report (April 2) highlighting the continued destruction of chalk grassland on the South Downs by ploughing, the resources available to carry out essential management work on the formula internation of the biological states of the biologic few remaining sites of rich biological interest are inadequate. The Environmentally Sensitive Area incentive scheme does not address the long-term nature conservation

Small payments to farmers under tier I of the ESA scheme for retaining grasslands are welcome, but are often paid to areas already protected or for sites too steep to plough, where scrub is encroaching through lack of grazing in the past. No funds are available for clearing the scrub, which is grad-ually taking over from the flowernich chalk sward.

Where higher payments under tier 2 have been paid for conversion of arable to grass, that land is usually being planted with clover/ rye mixture of little more conservation value than the atable it has replaced. At the end of the five-year period farmers concerned at the dropping fertility may wish to replough.

What is required is a scheme to encourage selected areas to be planted with fescue mixtures and retained for the many years it will take for rich chalkland sward to develop as fertility declines.

One of the advantages of the South Downs being declared a national park would be that its authority would be in a strong position to establish a long-term strategic plan for wildlife protection and restoration. Yours faithfully, ROBIN CRANE (Chairman), Sussex Wildlife Trust, Henfield, West Sussex

From Mr Neville H. Lee Sir, Your correspondent, Mr John Trenchard (March 30), has contrived a view that will add to existing confusion and cause unwarranted alarm to landlords and tenants. Landiords have always

been liable to the standard charge while premises are empty. Landlords seeking rents above market levels will suffer void periods and will pay the standard charge. The cost in lost rent alone for a void of one week is equivalent to an annual rent reduction of 1.9 per cent; a void of one month is equal to a reduction

peid general rates on vacant

furnished property available for

letting. Since April 1 they have

Under the community charge, tenants will, with certain exceptions, pay the personal charge, subject to relief for those on low incomes. The standard charge will only be collected from tenants who occupy a rented property as a second home. No abstruse calculations are necessary since, what-ever view is taken on community charge legislation as a whole, the responsibility for payment of the different types of charge and the role and liabilities of letting agents are clearly defined.

of 8.3 ner cent.

Tenancies of property owned by companies financed by business expansion schemes are assured tenancies and offer tenants long-term security of tenure. Assured shorthold tenancies, a different animal altogether, are used where

occupation of an investment property or second home is agreed for specific periods.

Yours etc., NEVILLE H. LEE (Council member). Association of Residential

From Mr Oliver Chapple Sir, An administratively simple and perhaps less regressive alternative to the community charge would be to tax each household according to the number (and perhaps size) of vehicles registered

Blackburn, Lancashire,

Quelling violence in the streets

From Mr C. A. Rootes
Sir, Your leading article (April 2)
on Saturday's riot in central.
London asserts that "political disorder is not justified in a democracy" and that "no... tolerance extends to those who perpetrate mayhem and injury in the cause of defying democratic

These remarks clearly pre-suppose that Britain is a democ-racy and that the poll tax is a "democratic law". The truth is that Britain is probably the least democratic state in Western Europe and that the poll tax is but the latest in a series of radical measures enacted by a Govern-ment which has never been able to command the votes of a majority of the electorate.

The violence perpetrated on Saturday was inexcusable because of its inhumanity, but it was probably inevitable precisely because of this lack of a genuine democracy. The poll tax is just one of a series of measures that are creating in this country an underclass, a section of the population for whom there is no hope of anything beyond grinding poverty and the daily struggle to make ends most.

C. A. ROOTES, 6 Summer Hill, Harbledown, Canterbury, Kent,

From Mr Robin M. Bevan Sir, On the evening of Saturday, March 31, I was variously described by newscasters, senior politicians and police officers as "a mindless hooligan", "a stone and bottle throwing youth", "a Marxist agitator", or "a member of either the SWP, Militant, or an anarchist group".

Not one of these descriptions would fit either myself or the majority of people present. No audible request was given at any time by police or stewards to "move on", which given the congestion would have been extremely difficult anyway.

At no time in the afternoon, after the first charge by the police, could I perceive anything approxi-mating to a sensible strategy for

Sewing in Colditz From Brigadier J. R. E. Framilton-Baillie

Sir, As a former inmate, I was interested in your report (March 30) about Colditz Castle opening to tourists. The picture of the sewing machine was of particular interest as I made it, during the last months of the war, not to make escape clothes but to make costumes for our plays, especially female ones for myself.

I did so in the little workshop by the stage, where we made scenery and props using tools returned to us on parole after confiscation. To say that it was for use in escape preparations is to imply a breach

Options for Germany

From Mr John Leech Sir, Your first leader of March 31, "Germany disposes", begins by observing that "the past two days may have marked a turning point in Anglo-German relations". It then proceeds to jar about every nerve that 40 years of Konigswinter conferences have served to heal.

It is doubtful whether a high moral tone is the best way to alert the Germans to "the concern of those other West Europeans who lived happily alongside the Bonn republic, or whether the Prime Minister's vision of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) as a "League of Nations for Democracy" will contribute more to our future security than did the old

There is a justified insistence that a united Germany must not be left neutral but be firmly anchored in Nato. Chancellor Kohl agrees, and so do many within the Warsaw Pact. The problem is that Nato is in transi-

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at the address.

The Department of Transport already has this data computerised, although there would need to be compulsory registration of those people to whom company cars are assigned. Insurance companies, who increasingly rely on postal codes to calculate premiums and insist on correct up-todate information for policies to remain valid, provide a further obstacle to people misstating where vehicles are kept.

I would guess that most of those who grauinely are having difficulty in paying the community charge do not own vehicles and would thus be exempted. Their contribution to the community. contribution to the community coffers would be through their payment of fares on public trans-

Yours faithfully, OLIVER CHAPPLE, Oxendale Hall Farm,

dealing with the situation. Repeated rushes by the riot police and officers on horseback seemed only to achieve an increase in the injuries amongst both civilians and police and greater hostility from the demons

I do not defend the activities of all the protesters, but I remain stunned by the appalling behav-iour of certain police officers, the total mismanagement of the situa-tion by the police strategists, and the complete failure of the media to reflect this sad aspect of the day.

ROBIN M. BEVAN, 61 Oakleigh Crescent, N20. From Sir Alfred Sherman

Sir, Alan Ryan's call for civil disobedience over the community charge ("The right to disobey", April 3) is the height of irresponsibility. The right to dis-obey unjust laws can be considered only in extremis - e.g., the Nuremberg laws. The community charge is merely a way of redistributing the total burden of domestic taxation to finance local

The alternative to civic obedience is anarchy, which leads to despotism. If I may choose which, laws to break, so may everyone else. All men were created equal; hooligans would be equally en-titled to exercise their judgement to steal, rape, attack the police, assault coloured people. Alan Ryan's intellectual hooliganism is a threat to our ordered existence, launched from the safety of Princeton. Yours sincerely

ALFRED SHERMAN, 10 Gerald Road, SW1.

From Mr K. L. Samant Sir, I cannot agree with Alan Ryan's analogy of Gandhi and his civil disobedience movement in India. Gandhi was fighting an alien power. The hooligans who participated in Saturday's poll tax riots are trying to overthrow the democratically elected Government of their own country. Yours faithfully,

K. L. SAMANT, 30 Regency Lodge, Adelaide Road, NW3.

of parole that neither I nor any of us would have countenanced.

The production of plays stopped abruptly when a very large number of French officers arrived, moved from camps further east. They were crowded into every available space including the theatre.

Not so long afterwards, the Americans took Colditz and we were free. I did not see my sewing machine again. I look forward to visiting Colditz as a tourist and

Yours faithfully J. R. E. HAMILTON-BAILLIE, Rectory House, Stanford-in-the-Vale,

Faringdon, Oxfordshire.

tion and an initially toothless CSCE will offer no substitute.

Chancellor Kohl's solution is to weld Germany irrevocably into the only framework which offers stability in the foresecable future, the European Community. To make doubly sure, as did Schuman before him, he wants its bonds so tight that no conceivable successor could until them.

Your leader ignores both that option and his intention; the Prime Minister, whose stance you applaud, appears firmly to reject them - for reasons which regrettably bear more resemblance to the nationalism of which you are afraid than to the kind of leadership of which she is capable.

If "Germany disposes", it is not clear what your distinguished paper, or for that matter the Government, proposes. Yours faithfully, I. LEECH,

8 Chester Square Mcws, SW1.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number (01)782 5046.

Use of dye for spinal scans

From Dr J. L. G. Thomson Sir, Clamour against Glaxo Laboratories, manufacturers of Myodil - the dye which, until it was withdrawn in 1987, was used for injecting patients requiring back scans - is reaching near hysterical

The judge in the test case (report, March 13) is quoted as saying that alleged Myodil victims form "a potentially enormous group" and the firm of solicitors dealing with the claims as saying that these claims could exceed £150 million. Perhaps it is time that some of Myodil's lesserknown advantages were recalled.

Myodil was introduced into this country in the early 1940s and hailed as a significant advance over previous substances, all of which had produced unacceptable toxic side effects. Surgery could not even be considered until accurate localisation of a spinal lesion had been obtained, or alternative treatment prescribed if surgery were thus contra-in-

Such an investigation is carried out in an X-ray department on a tilting table, and the procedure is known as myelography. In this country, until the mid and late 70s, Myodil was the contrast medium used for myelography, in the absence of any alternative or the absence of any alternative or better agent. Many thousands of such investigations were carried out and as a result of the accuracy of this diagnosis hundreds were relieved of such symptoms as, sciatica, brachalgia, paraplegia, quadriplegia, etc. Many more undoubtedly owe their lives to its

It was an unexpected tragedy that a relatively few proved to be sensitive to Myodil, and it is right and proper that these victims should claim compensation. However, the provider that the cost of t ever, it may not be easy to distinguish those who, with present-day symptoms, claim that these result from the use of Myodil more than a decade ago.

Doubtless, there will be cases where the cause relationship to Myodil is undisputed. For some others, the recently developed technology of magnetic resonance imaging should be used to assess the presence or absence of adhe-sions. This entails no injection of any sort, nor does it involve the use of an X-ray beam. It could help in making sure that any award gained in the courts goes to the right people,

Yours et J. L. G. THOMSON, Bristol Magnetic Resonance Imaging Centre, Frenchay Hospital, Bristol, Avon.

Airwaves dispute

Cuba Sir, Further to your editorial, "When pigs have wings" (March 30), I would like to clarify that Voice of America and BBC World Service broadcasts are not jammed at all in Cuba. Those services, like dozens of others from many neighbouring countries and Europe, can be heard clearly in every Cuban home having a common radio receiver.

The Cuban Government has consistently stated for years its willingness to reach an agreement with the US Government regard-ing broadcasts, under inter-national law and regulations of both countries, including exchange of programmes and other information services. But Cuba cannot accept impositions violating its sovereignty, such as those committed by the offensivelynamed Radio and TV Marti. José Marti was an anti-imperialist Cuban patriot. Yours faithfully.

MIGUEL MARTINEZ, Cuban Embassy, 167 High Holborn, WC1.

Sleeping easy

From Miss Esme Reader Sir, "And so to bed" (with a duvet - letters, March 17, 20, 24, 26, 27): Up and walked to Greenwich . . . and I forced to go to the office on foot through all the rain, was almost wet to the skin, and spoiled my silk brenches almost.

Rained all the afternoon and evening . . . and I was forced to get a bed at Capt. Cockes where I find sir W. Dowly and he and Eweling at

W. Doyly and he and Eveling at supper and I with them full of discourse of the neglect of our masters ... about all businesses and especially that of money . . . Full of these melancholy thoughts to bed where though I lay the saftest I ever did in my life, with a down bed (after the Danish manner, upon me), yet I slept very ill, chiefly through the thoughts of my Lord Sandwiches concernment in all this ill-success at

(Samuel Pepys, September 9, 1665). Yours faithfully, ESME READER. 31 Kent Gardens,

Eastcote, Ruislip, Middlesex. Weather prayer

From Mr Paul Ketteridge Sir, When I was in the Caribbean we used to pray each Sunday: "Give us rain in due season and preserve us from the ravages of hurricanes and the devastation of carthquakes".

With our reservoirs low, trees and chimneys felled by the wind and now the floor shaking beneath our feet, should this prayer not be introduced into English Sunday services?

Yours sincerely PAUL KETTERIDGE, Bankside Cottage, Church Street, North Marston, Buckingham.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE April 4: The President of the Republic of India this morning at Buckingham Palace received the Commonwealth Secretarythe Commonwealth Secretary-General (Mr Shridath

His Excellency later drove to St. James's Palace in a Carriage Procession, accompanied by a Captain's Escort with Standard of the Household Cavalry and received High Commissioners of the Commonwealth Countries and Ambassadors in

The President of the Republic of India visited No. 10 Downing Street where His Excellency and Shrimati Venkataraman were entertained at lunch by the Prime Minister on behalf of Her

Majesty's Government.
The President of the Republic of India this afternoon at Buckingham Palace received the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (the

and Commonwealth Anan's (the Right Hon. Douglas Hurd, MP). His Excellency afterwards received the Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons (the Right Hon. Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC,

The President of the Republic of India later received the Leader of the Opposition (the

Right Hon. Neil Kinnock, MP).
Subsequently The President
of the Republic of India and
Shrimati Venkataraman attended a reception at India House, Aldwych, London, WC2, and were received by the High Commissioner for the

The President of the Republic of India and Shrimati Venkataraman this evening received an Address of Welcome at a Court of Common Council and afterwards were entertained at a Banquet by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and Corpora-tion of London at Guildhall. The Duke and Duchess of

The Queen, Patron, and The Duke of Edinburgh this morning attended a Service of Thanksgiving at Westminster Abbey to mark the 150th Anniversary of King's College Hospital and its Clinical Medi-

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received by the Very Reverend Michael Mayne (Dean of Westminster) and Sir (Dean of Westminster) and Sir Derek Boorman (Chairman, Camberwell Health Authority). Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester (President, King's College Hospital) was present. Subsequently. The Queen with Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester attended a reception in the Great Hall, Westminster School.

competition.

In the open classes, Mr N A

Burr, of Loxted, East Sussex,

has won a silver-gilt Sim monds medal for 12 varieties

this hybrid in his collection of

12 varieties, for which he has

taken the Devonshire trophy.

BIRTHS: Thomas Hobbes,

philosopher, Malmesbury, Wits, 1588; Jean Honoré Frago-

nard, painter, Grasse, France, 1732; Sir Henry Havelock, gen-

tral, relieved Lucknow during

the Indian Mutiny, Sunderland,

1795; Joseph Lister, Baron Lister, surgeon, founder of anti-

septic medicine, Upton, Essex, 1827; Algernon Swinburne, London, 1837;

DEATHS: William Brouncker,

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bridge, Coruwall, has included vandendemii.

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Blossoming success

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Correspondent

The Lady Farnham, Sir Kenneth Scott and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson

were in attendance.

The Right Hon. Margaret
Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister
and First Lord of the Treasury)
had an audience of The Queen

had an audience of The Queen this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh attended a Lunch at the Central Criminal Court and was received by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor (Sir Hugh Bidwell).

Afterwards His Royal Highness visited Number One Court. Brigsdier Clive Robertson

Brigadier Clive Robertson was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE The Princess Royal, Patron, The British School of Osteopathy, this morning visited The British School of Osteopathy, 1-4 Suffolk Street, London, SWI.

The Princess Royal, Patron,

The British Nutrition Founda tion, afterwards attended the Foundation's Member Com-Square, London, SWI.

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund,

this afternoon visited Gardner Merchant Limited Internations Management Centre at Kenley

House, Surrey.

Afterwards The Princess
Royal, Chancellor, University
of London, visited the new
Department of Neuroscience at the Institute of Psychiatry, Den-mark Hill, London, SE5.

Her Royal Highness, Lady Liveryman, The Worshipful Company of Woolmen, this evening attended The Master's Dinner for the Wool Industry, City Club, Old Broad Street,

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in

KENSINGTON PALACE April 4: The Prince of Wales, Trustee, National Gallery, attended a meeting of the Board of Trustees at the National Gal-lery, WC2.
The Princess of Wales, Pa-

tron, Turning Point, received Mr Ted Unsworth and Mr Leslie Rudd at Kensington

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE April 4: The Duke of Kent this morning visited Vickers Ship-building and Engineering Lim-ited, Bridge Road, Barrow-in-Furness and this afternoon, as President of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, visited the Barrow Lifeboat Station, Roa Island, Cumbria.

Captain the Hon. Christophe Knollys was in attendance The Duchess of Kent, as Patron, this evening attended the Finals of the BBC 'Young Musician of the Year' Competition at St David's Hell, Cardiff, South Glamorgan.

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in

is "Badbury Kings", a

Other results:

British Journal of Hospital Medicine

The annual Student Elective

Award was presented to Sheena Tranter, of Bristol University, by Dr Rosemary Mulligan, the Postgraduate Medical Dean of

East Anglia, at a supper held at the Cafe Royal. Members of the Editorial Board and Publishers

were present and Dr Jack Tin-ker. Editor-in-Chief, presided.

Ahmed E.H. Jaffer

A memorial meeting for Ahmed E.H. Jaffer, CBE, will be held at

Supper

OBITUARIES

SARAH VAUGHAN

Sarah Vaughan, jazz vocalist, died aged 66, at her home in Hidden Hills, California, on April 3. She was born on March 27, 1924.

In terms of its richness and the sheer range of her material, the voice of Sarah Vaughan brought to jazz performance an expressiveness which was quite unlike that of her great peers among jazz vocalists. She did not remind one in the slightest of Billie Holiday or Ella Fitzgerald. The hallmark of her vocal equipment was her control and the beauty of her tone. It suggested to her contemporaries, not totally fancifully, the voice of an opera singer, and her fellow jazz vocalist Betty Carter once remarked that with training she might have become another Leontyne Price. Jazz lovers are, perhaps, not sorry that she

Nevertheless what she might have done can be clearly heard in the "straight" performances she has left us, such as "The Lord's Prayer" and "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child" recorded in the 1940s on the now defunct Musicraft label. In their purity of tone allied with her passionate commitment to her material they exemplify and extend the qualities she brought to her jazz singing.

Sarah Vaughan moved effortlessly between jazz and popular music in a way which could not wrinkle the nose of even the most entrenched jazz purist. The woman who had played and sung with Dizzie Gillespie and Charlie Parker also had a dozen or so popular hits. But her performances were of an authority and style which extended the influence of jazz on popular music in general in way that has been wholly beneficial.

Vaughan was a musician to her fingertips and the ear for harmony she acquired from playing the piano gave a thoughtful quality to her own interpretations and a sensitivity to the chord structure of songs. When backed by an orchestra her vocal line sometimes acquired such a purity that it seemed to be just another perfectly blended element in the instrumental ensemble.

She was born in Newark, New Jersey, the daughter of a carpenter. From the age of eight she studied the piano and by the time she was 12 she was playing the organ at the Mount Zion Baptist Church in her home town. She had also begun to sing.

Nevertheless she did not commit



herself immediately to the idea of a musical career; for a time she even toyed with the idea of becoming a hairdresser. Fortunately this notion was destined not to survive what happened to her when she was 18. Entering a talent contest at the Apollo Theatre in Harlem she impressed Billy Eckstine who was then singing in the band of Earl Hines. Eckstine told Hines about her and in the following

year she appeared in his band as vocalist and second pianist. In 1944 Eckstine formed his own band and Vaughan went with him. She had her first recording sessions with Eckstine and from them emerged "It's Magic" which became a smash hit in 1947, selling over two million copies.

She laft the Eckstine band in 1945, and thereafter, except for a brief winter spell in 1945-6 when she

NORMAN EXTONappeared at the Copacabana, in New York, with John Kirby's combo, she made a career for herself as a solo singer. Musicians of the stature of

on her way, as did a recording contract with Musicraft. She was soon

working her way up to the choicer sort

of club job, and within a few years was

being hailed as one of the greats of her

age. Certainly her vocal contribution

to the development of be-bop can be

seen to have been of the very first

importance. She won Down Beat magazine's poll as the best female jazz

vocalist every year from 1947 to 1952.

Her very facility exposed her, on

occasions, to the charge of commonplaceness in some of her

more commercial, non-jazz record-

ings, particularly those to which the popular taste of the Fifties was prone

with their schmaltzy string back-

grounds. Her best work on records

lives in her performances with small

groups, and, at the opposite extreme,

Count Basie

with the large swing bands of men like

As the years went by the range and

scope of her performances continued

to expand, as did that more indefin-

able element in them, their ability to

communicate with their audiences.

She toured indefatigably, in the

Sixties and Seventies she appeared in

60 countries, taking on dates ranging

from intimate nightclubs to vast

stadia, in the process harmonizing her

talents with backing forces varying

between a jazz trio and a symphony

orchestra. In 1982 she won a Grammy

Award for the best female jazz vocal

performance for the album, Gerskwin

Yet in spite of the success there was

never the faintest tinge of vulgarity

about the way she did things. Dignity

was in the heart of her performance,

as completely as it was integral to her

character. Even when commerce

able to remain aloof from the lime-

light she created around her, while remaining touchingly grateful for the public adulation that enabled it to

have existence. Saran Vaughan never

She was three times married and is.

had to plead for appreciation.

survived by an adopted daughter.

Professor Arthur Norman Exton-Smith, CBE, PRCP, who held the Chair of Geriatric Medicine at London Univer-sity from 1974 to 1984, died Charlie Parker and Dizzie Gillespie aged 70 on March 29. He was had become enthusiasts for her voice, and their support greatly helped her born on January 7, 1920.

Norman Exton-Smith was one of the small number of physicians who transformed British geriatric medicino from the early aspirations of a handful of pioneers to the thriving medical speciality it is today. In the late 1940s Lord

Amulree set up his Department of Geriatric Medicine in St Pancras Hospital as part of University College Hospital Exton-Smith worked with him there from 1948 until he started his own unit at the Whittington Hospital, London, on his consultant appointment in 1951. Fifteen years later he succeeded Amniree at University College Hospital and in 1973 he became the first occupant of the Barlow Chair of Geriatric Medicine at that medical school - the first Chair of geriatric medicine in London. Since 1985 he had been Director of the Gerianic Neurophysiology Unit of the

Whittington Hospital Exton-Smith's dedication to the medical care of old people was matched only by his productivity in clinical research. His influence of medical care was manifest through bis long involvement with the British Geriatrics Society through to his presidency

The emergence of geriatric medicine was seen as an essential development within the National Health Service by the Ministry of Health. long before most of the medicalled, the vocal gifts were never deployed with less than absolute precision. A natural artist, she was cal profession acknowledged

Exton-Smith was the key figure in promoting this view both as consultant adviser to the Ministry of Health for 15 years and through the British Geriatrics Society. Among his colleagues he promoted the standing of the speciality by his own example as a pliyscien and researcher and also through his enthusiastic contributions to the Royal College of Physicians of London He published the first British textbook on the subject in 1958.

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la research his enthumston led to the easy development of multi-disciplinary teams. His early studies in accidental hypothermia, leading to one of the first papers describing its clinical aspects, was followed by his collaboration with the physiologists Fox and Collins studying the response of old people to cold - and, incidentally, showing a link between hypothermia and

poverty.
He initiated nutritional studies in north London and, subsequently, in his role as chairman of the panel of nutrition in the elderly at the Ministry of Health, instigated a series of nutritional surveys throughout the UK. This led to work in bone aging and disease and to studies of their association with fracture of the hip.

He leaves his widow, Jean, and their two children.

Correction

We regret that the photograph accompanying the obituary of Major-General Sir Humphry Tollemache (April 3) was incorrectly identified. His birth date was August 10 not August 18, 1897, as stated.

SIR DAVID STEPHENS

Sir David Stephens, KCB, CVO, who died aged 79 on April 3rd, was Clerk of the Parliaments, House of Lords, from 1963 to 1974. He was Several competitions are has won the open class for being held at the Royal Horti-horticultural societies, gaining born on April 25, 1910.

cultural Society show in West- the silver Simmonds medal. minster, which ends today, The best bloom in the show As principal official of the House of Lords, Stephens orange-rimmed small cup played an important part in its shown by Mr J W Blanchard. proceedings at a time when of Shillingstone, Dorset. the Upper House was becom-In the Alpine Garden Sociing more active and

ety's main spring show, Mr S controversial. bred and raised by the exhib- D Taylor of Warwick, won the itor, including Cherry Gar- Farrer medal for best plant in He was educated at Winchester and Christ Church, dens'. Mr E Jarman, of Wade- show with his Jankaemonda Oxford. Just before he left Oxford he won a Laming Travelling Fellowship and de-Royal Bank of Scotland trooty. Mr. Rollingon, of Holmstrin, West York thire, Frank Waley cup and Audre Bartholomew menocial trophy. It was a support of the Royalan, West Company, West cided to use the money for studying the German minorities. He spent the years 1932-1934 travelling around every European country which had a

German minority. So fascinated did he become with them that he decided in the summer of 1938 to travel to Czechoslovakia, taking his bicycle to find out what was happening to the Sudeten Germans at exactly the same time as the Runciman Mission arrived in Prague. It was a Mission organized by Chamberlain to see if a reconciliation could be Harold Macmillan.

achieved between the Sudeten

Germans and the Czech Government Knocking on the Mission

door Stephens asked if he could provide them with some help and was immediately help and was unmeratively taken on because of his knowfluent German. Very soon, however, he became convinced that there was no possibility of any reconciliation between the Sudetens and the Czech government.

Stephens joined the Par-

liament Office in 1935 and in 1938 the Treasury. After serving in the Political Warfare Executive during the Second World War, from 1947-49 he was Principal Private Secretary to Herbert Morrison, then Deputy Prime Minister Lord President and Leader of the Commons, who was responsible for the management of the post-war Labour government's massive legislative programme. This post proved to be an admirable apprenticeship in the art of parliamentary government. Thereafter he was Secretary for Appointments to

successive Prime Ministers, Sir Anthony Eden and Mr Stephens exercised signifi-

cant influence when he was powerful men in the land, abortive attempt by the Lab-the Ecclesiastical and Crown pointing out that only an Act our administration to reform Appointments Secretary to and 1961. He was responsible and reconcile rather than to

ister to recommend to the Queen two Archbishops, Canterbury and York.

The occasion gave rise to much speculation in the press as to the appropriateness of this system of appointments and certain newspapers billed him as one of the most

of Parliament could remove successive Prime Ministers - him. However, he was not as Anthony Eden and Harold powerful as was made out, Macmillan - between 1955 determined as he was to serve appointments of Ramsey and Coggan from the two different wings of the Church were warmly applauded.

In 1961, Stephens returned

to the House of Lords as Reading Clerk and in 1963 he became Clerk of the Parliaments. As Clerk, Stephens was responsible for the procedures and running of the House, and for advising all-members, especially the Lord Chancellor and the Leaders of the House and of other political parties, on its practice; and also for administering, as Accounting Officer, every aspect of the business of the

During his tenure, House changed considerably in character and daily attendance rose from about 150 to

The House was still Conservative-dominated, but saw protracted debate on measures such as the Industrial Relations Bill 1971. During the

Birthdays today

the House of Lords in 1967-68 Stephens was a member of the official Committee on Lords Reform. Despite the failure, the House of Lords continued for advising the Prime Min. manipulate. In the event the to change; late-night sittings became a commonplace, and instead of a part-time assembly, sitting only three days a week, it became an active part of the legislature, sitting four or sometimes five days a. week. With this increase, the Parliament Office also grew, together with those services the House expected of its Cierts.

After retirement, Stephens in 1974 gave his energies to the chairmanship of the Redundant Churches Fund; a love for the Church of England was a continuing thread throughout his life. He was also active in local govern-He was twice married, first

to Mary Clemency, daughter of the late Colonel Sir Eric Gore Browne. She died in 1966: they had three sons and a daughter.

He married, secondly, in 1967, Charlotte Evelya,

widow of Henry Manisty. King's College Hospital

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh attended a service of thankspiving held yesterday in Westminster Abbey to mark the Westminster Abbey to mark the 150th Anniversary of the founding of King's College Hospital, London, and its Clinical Medical School. Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester was present. The Lord Mayor of Westminster attended.

The Dean of Westminster officiated, assisted by the Rev Alan Luff, Precentor. Miss Lola Oni, Health Advisor of the Sickle Cell Unit, and Miss Susan Walden, a medical student, read

Oni, Health Advisor of the Sickle Cell Unit, and Miss Susan Walden, a medical student, read the lessons. Sir John Peel, Emeritus Consulting Obstetrician and Gynaecologist to King's College Hospital, read from a lecture given in 1852 by Sir Robert Bentley Todd, Founder of the Medical School on "The Resonces of King's College London for Medical Education", Dr Wilfred Oakley, Co-Founder of the Diabetic Department and Emeritus Physician of the hospital, read from the prefisce of the first edition of The Diabetic Life by Dr R.D. Lawrence, published in 1925 and Sir James Black, Nobel Laurente and Professor of Analytical Pharmacology read extracts from Biomedical Science and Human Heath: the long range prospect by Lewis Thomas (Daedalus) 1977.
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Conservative Middle East Council On Monday, April 2, 1990, Mr limmy Carter, former President of the USA, addressed a meeting of the Conservative Middle Past Council at the House of Com-mons. The Chairman, Sir Dennis Walters MP, presided.

Marriage Mr J. Glover

The marriage took place on Wednesday, April 4, haween John Nicholas Glover and Rebecca Rinh Couch, at St Johns Church, Gislear, Huddersfield.

ord Viscount Brouncker, mathematician, first president of the Royal Society 1662-77, London, 1684; Edward Young, poet, Welwyn, Herts, 1765; George-Jacques Danton, executed, Dartmouth House, 37 Charles Street, London, WI, on April 30, at noon.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.R. Taylor and Miss I. Testism

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Major between Charles, son of Major and Mrs Maurice Taylor, of South Cerney, Gloucestershire, and Isabei, daughter of the Hon Toby and Lady Emma Tennant, of Shaws, Newcastleton, Roxburghshire.

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The engagement is announced between Captain Jonathon William Baynham Durnford, Coldstream Guards, only son of Capsain and Mrs R. Durnford, of Kensington, London, and Ceridwen Margaretta, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Mueller, of Brussels, Belgium.

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sand Mrs E.M. Arbuthaot
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Arbuthaot, of Wymondham,

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Mr A.D.J. McFarlane
and Miss M.P. O'Sullivan
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of Thomas Ray of Thorpe Bay, Essex, and Miriam, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs William O'Sullivan, of Killarney, Co Kerry, Ireland.

Mr C.L. Monks and Miss S. Riley and Miss S. Kiley
The engagement is announced between Colin, son of Mr and Mrs B.D. Monks, of Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire, and Susan, eldest daughter of Lt Colonel and Mrs W.E. Riley, of Winshams Nottinehamshire Winthorpe, Nottinghamshire.

Mr A. Nakar and Miss C.S.R. Burston

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daughter of Prof and Mrs Bruce
Batchelor, of Cardiff.

Mr D.C. Preston and Miss A.J. Fischel

The engagement is announced between David Curtis, younger son of Mrs A. Preston, of Esher, Surrey, and the late Mr Tony Preston, and Anna Joan, youn gest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.R. Fischel, of Shoreham, Kent. Mr D.C. Robinson

and Miss J.P. Caley The engagement is announced between David Clifford, son of Mr and Mrs C.S. Robinson, of Belfast, Northern Ireland, and Joanne Philippa, daughter of Mr H.F. Caley, of Flinton, North Humberside, and Mrs J.A. Caley, of Beverley, East Yorkshire.

Luncheons

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host yesterday at at luncheon held at 10 Downing Street in honour of the President of India and Shrimati Venkataraman. The

the President of India and Shrimati Venkataraman. The other guests were: Burtunati Padinas Venkataraman. The other guests were: Burtunati Laishing Venkataraman. Enrimati Laishing Venkataraman. Enrimati Laishing Venkataraman. Enrimati Laishing Venkataraman Shripking Shripking

Management Consultancies American
John Redwood MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of
State for Corporate Affairs, was
guest of honour at luncheon
yesterday, given by the Management Consultancies Association, at the Cavalry and
Guards Club. Mr David Miller,
President of the Association President of the Association presided.

Memorial service Miss Anita Ryan, QC

The Lord Chancellor attended a memorial service for Miss Anita Ryan, QC, held yesterday at the Temple Church. The Master of the Temple officiated. Mr James Bullen read the lesson and Mr Allan Levy, QC, gave an address. The Treasurer of the Inner Temple was represented by Lord Bridge of Harwich.

Dinners

Woolmen's Company The Princess Royal, an Honorary Liveryman of the Woolmen's Company, was a speaker at the Master's dinner for the Industry of Wool given by Dr John Scorey, Master, and the Wardens of the Woolmen's Company at the City of London Club last night to welcome the Executive Board of the Inter-national Wool Secretariat and to mark the 810th anniversary of the company in the City of London. The Master and Mr Hugh Beggs. Chairman of the International Wool Secretariat. Corporation, also spoke,

Corporation of London The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester attended a dinner held last night at Guildhall to mark the visit of the President of India and Shrimati
Venkataraman to the City of
London after the Lord Mayor
and Corporation of London had presented an Address of Wel-come. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, received the guests. Among





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Reyal College of Pathologists Professor E. Dillwyn Williams President of the Royal College of Pathologists, was host last night at a dinner held at 2 Carlton House Terrace. Among

Members of the Bar of England and Wales yesterday gave a dinner in Middle Temple Hall for American and Canadian lawyers practising in London. Mr Peter Cresswell, QC, Chairman of the Bar, presided.

Professor John Albery, master, University College, Oxford, 54; Miss Jane Asber, actress, 44; Mr Michael Bryant, actor, 62; Bar-oness Delacourt-Smith of

Alteryn, 74; Mr Tom Finney, footballer, 68; Lady (Nigel) Fisher, founder, Women Caring Trust, 69: Dr John Gilbert, MP, 63; Mr Arthur Hailey, author, 70; Mr Nigel Hawthorne, actor, 61; Sir Douglas Healey, former Auditor General, 71; Rear-Ad-miral Sir Edmund Irving, 80; Professor Denis Lawton, former director, London University Institute of Education, 59; Vice-Admiral Sir Michael Livesay, 54; Profesor D. Lynden-Bell, astronomer, 55; Professor Peter Astronomer, 35; Processor Peter Moore, former principal; London Business School, 62; Mr Stanley Orme, MP, 67; Mr Gregory Peck, actor, 74; Miss Jennifer Penney, ballerina, 44; Mr Brian Rouse, jockey, 50.

Today's royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will open the Leslie Grade Wing at Brinsworth House, Entertainment Artistes' Benevolent Fund, Twickenham at 3.30.
The Princess Royal will represent The Queen at the Lord High Admiral's Divisions at

Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, at 11.00; will name the first British Steel Challenge pacht at Devonport Royal Dockyard, Plymouth, at 3.20, and, as Patron of the HFT Development Trust, will attend the première of All Dogs go to Heaven at the Odeon, Leicester Smare at 7.20 Square, at 7.30.

The science report appears in the science and technology section, pages 35-38.

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ST. JAMES'S PARK STATION With characteristic enterprise and crimination, the Underground Railways allowed the architects -Messrs. Adams, Holden and Pearson of their new headquarters at St. James's Park Station to arrange one of the most important applications of sculpture to architecture of recent years. The building, which is rapidly nearing completion, is planued as a Letin cross — with the shaft pointing east to Tothill-street - upon a triangular base of two storeys, the arms being set back in stages from 80 feet above the ground to a central

tower, which will rise to a total height of 160 fres. It was decided that all decoration should be concentrated in sculpture, with the general idea of employing the full range of contemporary younger talent. Seven sculptors were chosen, Mr. Jacob Epstein (who was commissioned to execute figures representing "Day" and "Night" on the two main faces of the base) and Mr. Eric Gill, Mr. Allan Wyon, Mr. A.H. Gerrard, Mr. Eric Aumonier, Mr. F. Rabinovitch, and Mr. Heavy Moore, who were entrusted with figures symbolizing the "Winds" eight in all - high up on the faces of the arms of the cross. As a very experienced craftsman Mr. Gill was made leader of the team for the "Winds", and has himself executed three of the figures. Mr. Epstein's figures - "Day" represented by a man with a boy between his knees, and "Night" by a woman of maternal

ON THIS DAY

signed many admired Underground stations for London Transport. That at 65 Broadway, which combined dquarters offices and St. James's Park Station, was embellished with sculpture by such famous artists as: Epstein, Eric Gill and Henry Moore. Pensner wrote that their work was seen as revolutionary at the time and Rolden had "to use his persuasion to have them [the reliefs] accepted". "UNDERGROUND"

> the cross, and is obscured from the ground by other buildings.



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type with an infant on her lap - both seated on the step which divides the first from the ground floor storey, will not be completed for a month or so ... The other figures ... are now uncovered and in full view.

Each of the other figures is good in some respects, but leaves something to be desired in others. Mr. Wyon's, also a men, on the southern face of the head of the cross, is best related to the building, but not very clear in design; Mr. Gerrard's — on the west face of the south transverse arm - is in a good style of relief, perpendicular to the wall, but is marred in composition and checked in movement by the disposition of an arm across the body; the work of Mr. Rabinovitch - on the south face of the shaft - is very well designed, but lacks emphasis upon the planes of the figure, and that by Mr. Moore — on the north face of the shaft - though well modelled, is too bulky and suffers from the lack of drapery to connect it with the lines of the building. But the idea of leaving the sculptors free to work in their accestomed "idioms" - from the classic, as represented by Mr. Wyon,



Speaking generally, the enterprise can be called a conspicuous success. In the first place the figures — 9ft 6in long by 3ft 6in deep, the highest relief being about 9in — make decrative patterns exactly where they are wanted on a building which relies otherwise for one ment entirely upon its fenestration ... The figures, all in an outward flying — or perhaps swimming — attitude, two male and the rest female, were all carved directly, and without "pointing" from the model, in the Portland stone which faces the building, Individually the figures vary a good deal in success. The two by Mr. Eric Gill on the eastern faces of the transverse arms, in full view from Tothill-street, are by far the best; in exactly the right quality of relief, as decided by shadow, and well related to the building by more or less horizontal folds of drapery, which serves the further purpose of backgrounding the figures. Mr. Gill's third figure, a man, is on the northern face of the head of

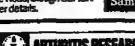
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Vera Lustig talks to playwright Nick Dear about the problems and rewards involved in adapting the work of other authors

Faithful, not slavish

here is a glint of menace and a whisper of erotic promise to "Ill met by moonlight, proud Ti-tania" - in the original, that is. Translated word-for-word into Catalan, it comes out blunt, unsexy and deflating. I discovered this when I saw a production of A Midsummer Night's Dream in Barcelona in 1977. That was less than 18 months after Franco's death, so the production was an affirmation of long-suppressed Catalan identity and culture.

As the regional languages of

Spain were proscribed, there was no great flowering of writing during Franco's regime. Oddly, in order to bring foreign plays to life, a country needs a pool of indig-enous playwrights to adapt them. That pool needs to be fairly large. As the playwright Nick Dear points out: "I'm often asked to do adaptations, but I refuse if I don't feel a special sympathy with the play." Dear's three stage adapta-tions to date are of Molière's Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme (10 bc seen on the National's Olivier stage next year), his highly successful adaptation of Ostrovsky's A Family Affair, staged by Cheek by Jowl in 1988, and now Tirso de Molina's 17th-century drama, El burlador de Sevilla, under the title The Last

Days of Don Juan "I'm a playwright who also happens to do adaptations, not an adaptor," Dear insists. "I do adaptations when I want to learn something - broad principles of playwriting rather than how to was keen to try drawing-room comedy, and with the Tirso I wanted to learn how to whack the action along."
Other writers who also do

adaptations include Christopher Hampton, Tom Stoppard, Michael Frayo, Tony Harrison and Frank McGuinness. In some cases, economics may play a part in the decision to intersperse "original" plays with adaptations for writing plays is a lengthy and often un-lucrative business. "Another alternative is to write for a television serial," Dear says. "But doing that kind of work is damaging to a writer's skills."

Even among "original" plays, there are degrees of originality. Dear points out that Shakespeare plundered Holinshed's Chronicles and the stories of Boccaccio. Still, in the case of adaptations, the playwright does have the skeleton of a text to work on. "Adaptors don't have to be linguists." Dear explains. "For The Last Days of Don Juan the RSC commissioned line-by-line translation from Kate Littlewood. Colin Chambers [the RSC's literary manager] asked me what instructions I had for Kate; and I asked for something as clear and unadorned as possible. I also had a Spanish dictionary."

By contrast, Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme has been translated into English many times before. Comparing those translations gave Dear insights into earlier generations' sense of comedy. French's Acting Edition is a 1950s translation by Miles Malleson. It's very strange. After every punchine, another character says

"What?" and the punchline repeated. Very Ealing comedy. Even the best adaptations lose their lustre with time. Tony Harrison's reworking of Molière's Le Misanthrope gleamed like fresh paint at its premiere in 1973. A revival last year was in 1950s costumes, while Neil Bartlett's recent version rooted the play once more in the here and now.

adaptations and translations are far more ephemeral than their originals. "Michael Meyer's translations of Ibsen seem very old-fashioned now, full of 'frightfullys'. The life span of a translation or adaptation is usu-ally about 10 years, with excep-tions like Schiller's translations of Shakespeare, which have become definitive texts in their own right. When the next adaptation of El burlador comes out, it will feel odd. I do feel proprietorial about the play. I sense that I have a direct line to it, because I've spent so long rewriting every line."

He seems to choose his directors with as much care as he does the plays he adapts. Danny Boyle's production of The Last Days of Don Juan is set in 17th-century Naples and Spain. "You mustn't make it too modern and colloquial," Dear says, "It's partly set at court, with people calling each other 'Sire'." There is, though, some rougher language from a less courtly character.

There is no attempt to render the complex verse of the original, and Dear has changed the ending,



Shows with conviction

Nick Dear: an adaptation requires special sympathy for a play which he found abrupt and anticlimactic. But he has not tampered with the play's stern message, that there is no last-minute salvation for the sinner. "It's a very religious play - Tirso was a monk - and though I don't share his views,

they're what drives the play." Dowr sees Don Juan not as a 40ear-old Casanova, but as a young, mmature man; he has also expanded the women's roles, "Tirso never lets as know what becomes of those women after Don Juan has ravished them."

TELEVISION

Sheridan Morley

IN THE murky aftermeth of Who

Bombed Birmingham?, "trial by television" has again become a catchphrase. It is used by politicians and the legal establishment

to discredit independent research teams working to cameras, espec-ially when the television teams

come up with fresh evidence

which, to say the least, creates real

doubt about the safety of a

is not being asked to judge guilt or innocence, merely whether or not

there is cause for reopening a case

which may have been closed too quickly, like the cell doors on the

prisoners concerned. A pioneer in

this field has been David Jessel's

Rough Justice, which has just returned to BBC 1. At least three

wrongly convicted men owe their

freedom to it. Last night the

programme for the first time

considered a rape, that of a Swedish tourist in North London

who may have been so distressed

by her experience as to identify

not just the wrong assailant but

also the wrong location.

There is clearly much fear in the

udiciary that television is under-

mining its authority, but to ignore

the evidence of programmes like Rough Justice simply because it

But this is not a trial: the viewer

conviction.

Most interestingly, he has changed the gender of the seduc-er's servant. "I thought the sidekick, the comic servant who looks on but doesn't advance the action, was a very tired, hackneyed convention." So in Dear's play the Sganarelle/Leporello figure becomes Catalina, a cook. "I wanted to look at how a woman would react to the betrayal of other women," he says.

The Last Days of Don Juan, open tonight at the Swan, Stratford-upon Avon (0789 295623).

Come Back, the classiest wartime

thriller of recent memory, and Signals, the Channel 4 culture

magazine which has come to the end of an all-too-short life before

there is any sign of what the network plans as a long-term replacement. In its dying weeks

the programme became better and better - a real fourth player, along with The South Bank Show,

Omnibus and Arena. It went out in

style with a consideration of the

here in Hollywood history, from

Roy Rogers to Batman, by way of Conan the Barbarian and Indiana

Philip Day's survey used direc-

tor interviews and vintage clips to

analyze movie history as no

regular film programme bothers to

do any more. It was a docu-

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to continue with a series such as this, something has gone very

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Paul Griffiths

LPO/Rattle Festival Hall

A COUPLE of years ago Simon Rattle conducted the closing scene of Die Walkitre in Birmingham, and had one longing for him to do more Wagner. After another performance of the same chunk with the London Philharmonic, that wish can only be felt more keenly. Wagner conducting of this dynamism - I am thinking especially of the "Ride of the Valkyries", which was spliced to the start of the scene - demands to be heard with some scenic

More than that, Wagner conducting that couples a grand sweep with moment-to-moment intensity demands to be let loose on an entire score. There was, though, some advantage in a concert performance, in that few theatre pits would be able to accommodate an orchestra boasting nine horns and a string assemble to match.

against Wagner's wishes - makes one notice the orchestration more and thereby makes one aware of Rattle's skill in weaving a constant flow through passages of different flow through passages or different colour and density. Everything seemed, in restrospect, to have been gauged towards the interinde before "Der Augen leuchtendes Paar", which was elevated by glorious hymnic phrases from the wind and a climax of exultant The Brunnbilde was Ritz

Hunter, startlingly youthful in tone and taking effective care to show her resources to best advanshow her resources we can arran-tage, though the phrases no longer unfold quite so effordessly, and just towards the end she began to be covered by the ordessna Willard White was Wotan as he was in Birmingham; aptly dark and severe in conveying divine anger, but then opening out into a anger, but then opening out into a smoother, larger manner, even if his momentary attempt at intimacy caused him some problems. With all those wind players assembled, Rattle took the opportunity to programme Messiaen's monn. mental El Exspecto Resureciionem Mortuorum which, as usual with him, was majestically slow,

Having fun, naturally

Stephen Pettitt

Maxwell Davies Children's Day Oueen Elizabeth Hall

IF MEMORY serves, the last time I encountered Chase Side Primary School, Enfield, was either as centre-forward for my own primary school's football team or as a member of a rival choir in the local music festival. Schools make music less formally these days. These children - magnificently robed and daubed as spacemen, monsters, and toys that spring to life - clearly had great fun with their performance: a world pre-mière, no less, of Sir Peter Maxwell Davies's new extravaganza, Jupiter Landing, as part of Children's Day in the South Bank's Maxwell Davies

The music is simple, but not too simple. Davies knows how far he can stretch young musicians, how to tap natural musical instincts. Time and again throughout the day we witnessed that in Act II of Cinderella, for instance, which was performed (sometimes shakily but with determination) by the Wandsworth Children's Opera Group; in the Songs of Hoy, enthusiastically sung and beauti-fully danced by pupils of Nightin-gale Primary School, Haringey, and St Michael's Primary School, N22; and in *The Great Bank* Robbery, performed by Posts-mouth Grammar School. But Davies is too far-sighted not

solemn and sustained.

to entice his young performens with more formal concert pieces too; it says much that the young histeners also gave him attentive ears for music such as the beautiful Little Quartet, which could have been played with a touch less fear of the notes by the obviously accomplished pupils from the London Centre for Young

Hove Park Senior School Choir gave a lovely, innocent reading of Lullabye for Lucy, and choirs and instrumentalists from north- and mid-Hertfordshire Music Schools presented a carefully shaped performance of *O Magnum Mysterium*, composed back in 1960 for Cirencester Grammar

Perhaps the loveliest thing of the day, however, was Hannah Shield's playing of the piano piece Farewell to Stromness simple, poignant, and nostalgic.

In the evening concert, Davies returned to conduct the Scottish Chamber Orchestra in a programme that included the English premiere of his Third Strathclyde Concerto, a work which tests the technique of its soloists - Robert Cook (horn) and Peter Franks (trumpet) - to the full, and which is a compelling, beautifully col-oured struggle for supremacy and reconcilization. This performance was dazzling and eloquent; no less so was that which followed of Mozart's "Haffher" Symphony.

SANCE ... John Percival

Les Ballets Jazz

Sadler's Wells THE name Les Ballets Jazz de Montreal was apparently enough to pull into Sadler's Wells a packed house for a company previously unknown here. So perhaps I should not complain

that it lacks precision. Were we to see the kind of dancing known as jazz ballet, or ballets done to jazz music? It turned out to be some-thing of each, with the word "jazz" rather liberally interpreted. It seems odd to start with a work called Adieux, but luckily the title

appears to have little relevance. Richard Levi's choreography is a series of routines, such as you might see in a humdrum musical, to a run of the mill soundtrack by Pat Metheny.

Brian Macdonald's Big Band, which closes the bill, is a superior

version of the same genre; much more slick and professional in its choreography, benefiting from an attractive, easy-listening accom-paniment of Stan Kenton recordings. In this piece the dancers, clearly encouraged to sell their personalities for all they are worth, give vigorous, hard-hitting per-

The company goes in for sexist stereotypes. Macdonald's duet to "Tm So in the Mood", casts the woman as the one wanting to be wooed, although the lyric is sung by a man. This is nothing to the unpleasantness of Lynne Taylor-Corbett's Appearances, in which



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the only point seems to be the ingenuity expended in getting three women stripped down from long black dresses to glitter encrusted red leotards and black tights, to the simulated excitement of three white-clad men.

The programme's choreo-graphic highlight is the British premiere of Ebony Concerto, 8 1970 creation by John Cranko to the music Stravinsky wrote for Woody Herman (played by some thing called the Little Big Band the only live music all evening).

It is a comic trio for a woman (Hina Fang Zhang) and two men (Aaron Shields, Eytan Sivak). Their joints are arriculated like those wooden models meant to help artists with figure studies, their hair is frizzy, like Techni-color dolls — Silvia Strahammer gets no programme-credit for her costume designs. The dances sus-tain the wit ingeniously; the performances might benefit from less clowning, but are bright and

Gaudy parade of Jacobean beasts

THEATRE Benedict Nightingale

> Volpone Almeida

THE thinking behind this production is not hard to uncover. Why give a premiere to another earnest attack on greed and riotous consumerism when Ben Jonson wrote the quintessential play on the subject some 350 years ago? Why limit yourself to savaging stockbroker Jones or merchant banker Smith when their archetypes exist in his dramatic 200, complete with names translatable as fox, fly, vuiture, raven, crow?

It was presumably to emphasize Jonson's lasting power that Nicholas Hytner elected to play ana-chronistic games with Venice's space-time continuum. In his production, Ian McDiarmid's Volpone wears plausibly Jacobean furs and breeches. Denis Lawson plays Mosca, sidekick to this conman, as a canny toyboy in black plastic trousers and green bomber jacket. There is even a hero - Marc Warren's Bonario who dresses as a cricketer, waves a tennis racket and carries a dagger. A chronological identity crisis.

The danger is a fussy, attentiongetting evening; and in some respects that is the result. Given the Almeida's miniscule stage, one would think it wise for director and designer to go for visual spareness. Instead, they fill it with safes, trunks, packing cases, over which the actors must clamber



Malevoleut: Volpone (Ian McDiarmid) delights in others' avarice

after wading across a brackish most swimming with cigarette boxes and other detritus. Symbolic, yes - but it was more distracting than practical.

Yet there are times when Hytner opts for the clean and tothe-point. By way of concentrating attention on Volpone and his victims, he has cut the wordy subplot involving the nosey Sir Politick Would-be and his exas-perating wife; and I, for one, cannot regret the loss. More to the point, he can get an actor to bring covetousness sharply to life. Philip Locke makes a parch-

ment-faced Voltore, a deadly Dickensian lawyer who might have spent a lifetime arguing some Venetian Jarndyce versus Jarndyce. Cyril Shaps's half-senile Corbaccio dodders myopically across the stage, squawking high, querulous demands. Timothy Walker's Corvino, who is by far the most obviously birdlike of these scavengers, caws and shrieks with rage or with ferocious glee

from inside his pin-striped suit. Yet it is Volpone, who foxes them all with his phoney deathbed promises, who really matters; and McDiarmid certainly looks the part, with his bony predator's snout and the reddish hair weirdly sprouting from his bare torso as well as his head. More questionable is his interpretation, which substitutes malevolent puritanism, a delight in exposing others' avarice, for the majestic selfindulgence Jonson surely wanted. McDiarmid is always riveting; but the famous line: "the Turk is not more sensual in his pleasures than will Volpone", should come from a destructive Falstaff, not a corrupt Cromwell.

It is an uneven production which still has striking moments. Suddenly a vast strongbox opens, to reveal a vault out of which gold dust flutters, golden light floods, and from which Volpone's gaudy retinue take gold coins and per-form a spoof eucharist. Now there is an image that crosses the acons.

has come through channels con-nected to an aerial rather than a nolice station is dangerously com-It was a bad night for drama and

the arts, in that we lost both Never VARIETY

Lyric, Hammersmith

being seduced and subverted, so that it seems perfectly reasonable to "la la" the tune of "Happy Days Are Here Again" as his entrance music, and to imagine ourselves to be a coach-party from a working-men's club, because his act is

confides that he will give us an interval, so that we can have a drink to get up our collective courage for a question-and-answer session in the second half - if we decide to come back. The predominantly young and adoring audience at the Lyric really is too sophisticated, or too much in awe, to give him a proper challenge, so that the impression is of a champion bullfighter confronting

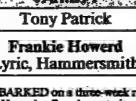
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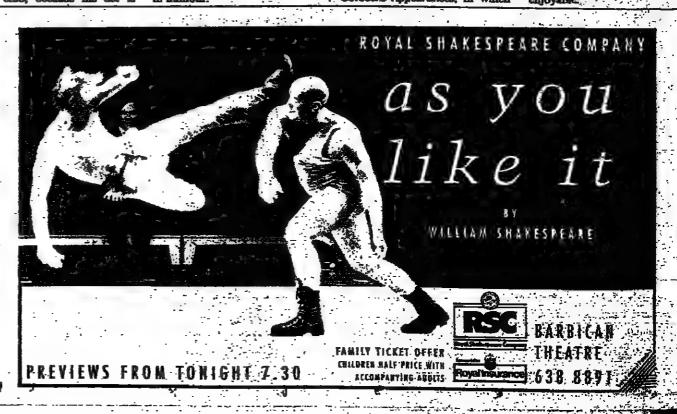
EMBARKED on a three-week run "in Hounslow" as he puts it, the lugubrious Frankie Howard goes to extraordinary lengths to delay beginning anything like a conventional comedy act. He enters as though refuctantly,

insisting that he has only come on to apologize for the lack of substance in the entertainment that is to follow. Interruptions (real or imagined) are seized upon: as excuses to digress yet further from the point.

All the time the audience is

lower depths has yet to be tailored to such "common" tastes. He is sure that we are far too sophisticated otherwise to enjoy his jokes which are, by any standard, terrible. To prove it, he tells some, and they are.
Only slightly abashed, and somehow having filled an hour, he

Rogers, is brought on too briefly for some suitably silly songs, and again we are willing victims, even acting out the words to "Three Little Fishes". He is not allconquering, a few do not come back after the interval, but those who do are treated to a masterclass



Enemies: A Love Story, Chicago Joe and the Showgirl, Look Who's Talking, Courage Mountain and All Dogs Go to Heaven

Deadlocked in triple wedlock

CINEMA David Robinson

he best film adaptation to date from Isaac Bashevis Singer, Enemies: A Love Story, is also the most substantial film so far in the career of Paul Mazursky as writer, producer, director and (here in a small but telling role) actor.

The discipline of the Singer story precludes such excesses of self-indulgence as marked Mazursky's last film, Moon Over Parador, while Mazarsky's openhearted affection for humanity, even at its most flawed, suits

First published in 1972 (it took Mazursky 12 years to get the screen rights), Enemies: A Love Story is multi-layered. The plot is the stuff of farce: Herman (Ron Silver), a Jewish immigrant in New York in 1949, finds himself polygamously married to three

The characters and their predicaments, absurd though they may be, have all been shaped by the Holocaust. Herman, having hidden throughout the war, has married the Gentile Polish servant. girl who sheltered him. His first wife (Anjelica Huston) reappears as from the grave, having been reported a victim in a mass killing. The third wife, Mascha, has survived the camps along with her mother. All of them - except the Gentile who struggles to convert to Judaism - have lost all faith in the old religion and the old

Singer avoids the clichest these people emerged from the Holo-caust still fallible, not miraculously cleansed and sanctified. Although the first wife proclaims herself dead in spirit, they retain their capacities for strength and weakness, folly, dishonesty, love

and sensuous appetites.
Actors flourish under Mazursky's loving guidance. Ron Silver, much more impressive here than in the British film Fellow Traveller, succeeds in making the wretched Herman almost sympathetic, for all his weakness, mendacity and confusion, as he hattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx.



Unwitting polygamist: Roa Silver as the Jewish immigrant, Herman, with his third wife Mascha (Lena Olin) in Enemies: A Love Story

Truly magnificent are the Polish actress Margaret Sophie Stein as the Polish peasant, the Swede Lina Olin as the beautiful, highlystrung other woman, and the statuesque Anjelica Huston, towering over little Silver, as the caustic, comprehending first wife. In support are some wonderful Jewish character players, notably Rita Karin as a henna-haired

The design (by co-producer Pato Guzman), carefully toned camera work (by Fred Murphy), costumes and Montreal locations combine to evoke Jewish New York just after the Second World War, and the fierce, if modest, aspirations of the new immigrants. The resourceful Maurice Jarre has concocted a haunting musical score out of period popular songs and Jewish kleizmer music.

ven the four-page wartime newspapers could always find space on the front pages for a good murder story; and the killing in 1944 of a hire-car driver, George Heath, caught the popular imagination under the lurid title of The Cleft Chin Murder (which referred to the victim's facial oddity, rather than the technique of the crime). The convicted accomplices were a shabby pair — a 22-year-old G.L. deserter and an 18-year-old stripper. Chicago Joe and the Showgirl (Odeon, West End), directed by Bernard Rose and scripted by David Yallop (a writer special-izing in criminology) is a speculative reconstruction of their six-day relationship that became a folie à deux. Elizabeth Maud Jones (Emily Lloyd) and Karl Gustav Hulten (Kiefer Sutherland) meet

in a Hammersmith cafe. They eagerly accept each others' fantasies: that she is a showgirl called Georgina Grayson and he a Chi-

cago mobster, Ricky Allen. In Yallop's interpretation, Hulten is drawn to Jones by sexual desire. Excited by his macho boasts and stolen gun, she dares him on to realize his fantasies of violent crime.

The fatal flaw in the script is that it withholds its mysteries too long. The interest of the film should have lain in piecing to-gether, bit by bit, the reality of these two mythomanes, Instead. we are left too long to wonder who they are, how she lives, and what his relationship with the US army is. The explanations are kept to the very end, and poured out upon us in the course of the police investigation, too late to recapture

Given this considerable problem, the actors do well enough. Emily Lloyd, from the start, intimates an odd, warped streak behind the apparent chirpiness; Sutherland is more interesting than usual, working with this essentially weak character.

The film-makers strive conscientiously to catch the drab atmosphere of late wartime London, and get most of the detail right. Constraints of budget inevitably show: it looks a very depopulated city, and one gets the feeling that another inch to right or left and one would fall over the edge of the studio set.

Hollywood's baby boom continues. Look Who's Talking (12, Warner, West End), written and directed by Amy Heckerling, pursues a single, cute idea, to give voice to the imagined thoughts of a child from embryo to his first uttered word. The joke is that, speaking with the mature adult voice of Bruce Willis, little Mikey brings New York cynicism to his first-time perceptions of the world and the grown-ups in his life.

These are his unmarried yuppie mother (Kirstie Alley), his philandering father (George Segal) and a nice young taxi-driver (John Travolta), who gets involved with mother and child after an emergency dash to the maternity ward. In the way of people in romantic comedies, they are rather slower than the audience to recognize the inevitable outcome of it all.

As a simple, one-joke film it stays funny, even if the four children who in turn play Mikey are disconcertingly dissimilar. Kirsty Alley is a bright, tart personality, and 12 years after Saturday Night Fever, John Travolta has matured into an engaging light comedian, playing his duo scenes with the babies with particular charm (see inter-

Johanna Spyri's children's classic, Heidi, appeared 110 years ago. Half-a-dozen screen adaptations have included an animated musical, though the best-remembered is the 1937 Shirley Temple version. Courage Mountain (U, Cannons Haymarket, Panton St), directed by Christopher Leitch, puts the little Swiss heroine into a time-warp which lands her in 1915, with the First World War as the latest accident of fate to separate her from her ancient grandfather.

The Swiss mountains are photogenic and there is a promising multinational cast (Leslie Caron, Charlie Sheen, Laura Betti and a gaggle of British schoolgirls), but all is in vain in face of a dire script by Weaver Webb.

All Dogs Go to Heaven (Odeon, Leicester Square) reaffirms that the Irish-based Sullivan-Bluth animation studios are generally better at graphics than story-telling (The Secret of NIMH, The Land Before Time). This canine cartoon musical muddles together bits of Carousel, Annie and gangster clichés, to produce a rambling, inconsequential tale about a delinquent dog who is sent back from heaven with a chance to redeem himself by one good deed. Child-ren may well find it as tedious as

VIDEO BOX Geoff Brown

A weekly selection of films recently released on video. The year releas to the date of first release, or in the case of television films, of first broadcast.

BAGDAD CAFE (Vestron, PG): Percy Adion's droll and adroit culture-clash comedy, with Marianne Sagebrecht as the large middle-class tourist from Bavana stranded among misfits in the American West. Jack Palance is delicious as a former Hollywood set decorator eager to paint the heroine in the nude. 1988.

BATMAN (Warner, PG): Last summer's blockbuster finally hits the oblong plastic box. Visually diverting, though Jack Nicholson's outrageous Joker swamps Michael Keaton as the Caped Crusader. and the attempts at psychological insight get lost in the jumble of special effects. 1989.

THE CAGE (CfC, U): A foolish but fascinating curlosity — the pilot for Star Trek, unseen when the TV show began in 1966, and now released in colour. Dr Spock is here, but the other Enterprise characters were still in the pipeline.

THE COLOR OF MONEY (Touchstone, 15): Scorsese's belated sequel to *The Hustler*, with Paul Newman as the veteran pool shark taking a young hotshot (Tom Cruise) under his wing. A mordant study in need and greed. 1986.

COUSINS (CIC, 15): Social comedy — an American reworking of Cousin; Cousine, a French soufflé from 1974; with Ted Danson and Isabella Rossilini as relativas in love. 1989.

KONGA (Warner, PG): Through tampering with its "centrosomes". Dr Michael Gough turns a chimp into a monster. Bad but enjoyable British horror yarn with a quaint period flavour. 1963.

THE LAND BEFORE TIME (CIC. U): Cartoon adventures of plant-e dinosaurs, from the makers of An American Tail. Cute, with a "green" tinge. 1989.

MASK (CIC, 15): Peter Bogdano-vich's true-life drama about a lively teenager (Eric Stoltz) suffering from extreme facial disfigurement. Skilfully done, though you can get tired of watching a wonderful person being wonderful. 1985.

THE PLANK (Pickwick, U): Eric Sykes' hour-long salute to silent cornedy with Sykes and Tommy Cooper as two builders transporting a plank. Far less funny than the shorter television original, though the cameo-filled cast try so hard to please. 1967.

POLYESTER (Castle, 18): John Waters, the bad taste king, tiptoed towards middle-budget respectability in this domestic satire. With Divine as the housewife, and some wonderfully hideous Interior decor-

Staying alive and staying hot

illiam Holden remarked to Gloria Swanson in Sumet Roulescan Sunser Boulevard, Billy Wilder's classic film about a faded movie star. "You used to be big."
"I am big." Swanson replied. "It's the pictures that got small." John Travolta, the hip-awivelling star of Saturday Night Fever and Grease, used to be big too, but without the n's script witt ers, he is far from eloquent on the subject of his subsequent fall from stace, and mention of a comeback sends both him and his syntax into

"You're enforcing me to be defensive because you have a lot of pre-decided viewpoints," Tra-volta complains. "How can I have a comeback when I haven't stopped working?"

The answer to that, as Travolta surely knows, is that film acting and occupational therapy being different things, keeping busy is not enough. At the end of the Seventies, the boy from New Jersey who had grown up wanting to be a star was routinely being described as the new Gene Kelly and a latterday Fred Astaire. As nimble a dancer as Travolta was, however, in the Eighties he rarely

He did work with Brian de Palmer on an intriguing thriller called Blow Out, and on the

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SADLER'S WELLS

Actor John Travolta, back in favour after years in the critical and commercial

Simon Banner he is reconciled to being famous all his life

strength of a film called Urban Cowboy he even looked to have real acting ability. But in a string of best-furgotten pictures includ-ing Two of a Kind, Perfect, and most recently The Experts, Travolta not only failed to display much acting talent, but seemed

low on the wide-eyed charm which

had been his stock in trade. "I'm proud of some of those movies," Travolta insists today, but the movies he turned down -American Gigolo, An Officer and a Gentleman and Splash among them - would have made a far more impressive list of credits. He would have done Splash, he explains, had his agent not "misinfluenced him.

He duly changed his agent, but

by last year Travolta's most frequent appearances were not on the cinema screen at all, but in the gossip columns, which enthusias-tically catalogued the supposedly Brando-esque widening of his stomach. From the outside it looked as if he could hardly have sunk further from his days at the doldrums, tells top; but one year on, Travolta,

> The movie that has worked this magic is a comedy called Look Who's Talking (see David Robinson's review, above). With the film having already taken more than \$135 million at the US box office, there is plenty of credit to go round and Travolta is certainly eatting his chare.

getting his share. He has been signed up for a sequel to Look Who's Talking, due to go before the cameras in June, and he also has two other films on the way: Chains of Gold, a drugs thriller, and The Tender, which he calls "an art film".

Travolta has no objections whatsoever to this return to form and favour being talked about in Hollywood parlance. "Yes," he says, smiling his mesmerizing smile, his eyes suddenly brimming with tears as if he is overcome with emotion, "I'm hot again." Given his undoubted likeability

on screen, as well as his abiding



good looks, all Travolta probably needs now is better judgement or better advice than he had before. One senses that he will be reluctant to let success slip through his

fingers again.
"I hope I'll have another hit before 10 years are up," he says, "but I think I can go on working for between three and 10 years on the strength of Look Who's Talk-

ing. You know, Jimmy Cagney was a friend of mine. He didn't do a movie in 25 years and everywhere he went he was still

recognized." Success or failure, Travolta says he knows that, like Cagney, he will always be famous. "I'll be famous 'til I'm out of here," he says, looking not so much appalled at the thought as hugely relieved.

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The poor quality of hospital meals has prompted renewed calls for improvement. Is money the only problem? Liz Gill

investigates

r Mike Raynor's favourite example of unhealthy bospital food would be the patient who was wheeled out of intensive cardiac care to be presented with a plate of bacon and eggs; a case, perhaps, of the heart man eating a condemned

Dr Raynor, senior research officer with the Coronary Prevention Group, is one of a growing number of professionals who want to see real improvements in hospital nutrition. Last week the Royal College of Nursing congress, which had heard alarming stories of malnutrition among elderly and mentally ill patients, called for written standards in all British hospitals, and their con-stant and careful evaluation.

Such views lend expert authority to what many patients have felt - at gut level - for years; that they get better in spite of hospital food, rather than

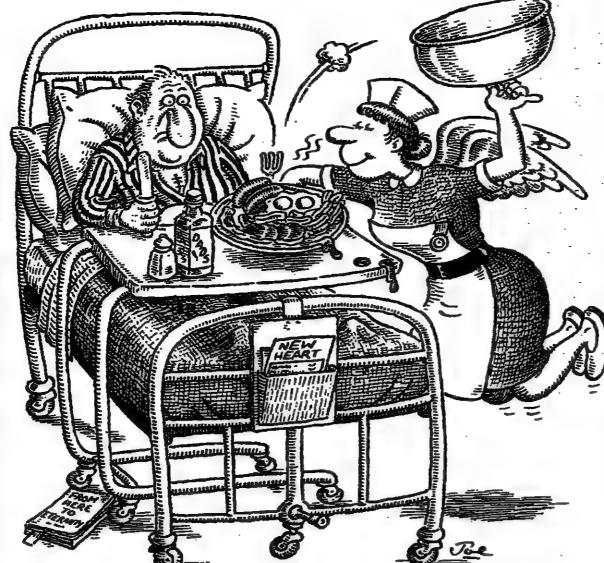
Dr Raynor believes that the Department of Health should issue dietary guidelines for all public sector catering based on the recommendations of the Committee on Medical Aspects of Food Policy (Coma) report of 1984. "For instance, in the UK we get 42 per cent of our energy from fat when it should be only 35 per cent." he says. "It's not that difficult to turn these specifications into actual quantities of food. The same would apply to Coma's ideas on salt and sugar.

"One can't be authoritarian about these matters and start banning all salt, for example. But there should be a choice. In some hospitals all the options are unhealthy. And I think hospitals should serve an educational purpose. You cannot expect patients to change their eating habits if you don't set an example. Obviously it's crucial if you've had a heart attack, but even if you were going in for an appendix operation, say, it would be a good opportunity to learn that healthy food can be good and tasty."

A survey for the Health Education Authority in 1986 found that most authorities and boards in Britain had adopted a food policy in line with Coma's ideas. The practice, however, may be rather different from the theory. Dr Rosemary Hunt, the HEA's local food policy co-ordinator, is now awaiting the results of a followup study carried out last year which looked at how such policies were

There are some difficulties with funding or finding the right person actually to implement the policy, and of course there are all the other distractions in the health service at the moment," she says. "Some are very committed, others feel they're swimming upstream.

Even with the best will in the world, hospital catering is fraught with problems, since it must be all things to all patients. On a domestic level it would be comparable to making a meal to please a sick child, a frail grandparent, a mentally ill aunt and the most discerning dinner-party guest, As Ann West, course leader for the Catering and Applied Nutrition degree at Huddersfield Polytechnic, says: "No other caterer would attempt to feed such a range of consumers. Your customers are sick, nervous,



tense. Yet food is often the highlight of their day, something that breaks up the boredom or interrupts nasty treatment. The trouble is that the technical systems we have generally fail to live up to these expectations."

Food is either cooked conventionally at some distance from the ward, or cooked and chilled and then reheated in the ward. Either way, says Mrs West, you can lose "eye appeal" as well as nutritional value.

The course she teaches was in fact created as a response to the damning Platt, Eddy and Peliett report in the Sixties, which painted a "dreadful picture" of hospital food. "They estimated that 50 per cent of it was not eaten because it was so awful," Mrs West says. "I've been visiting hospitals for 20 years now, and I think standards have improved dramatically. At one time you would see people cook something and put it on the trolley at 10.30 in the morning so they could go and have a break. They were cooking for a trolley, not a patient. But I think there's a much more professional outlook now, and a higher calibre of manager. And I'd say the rate of waste is only around 10 per

from which a healthy diet can be selected. "But I don't think it should be forced on people. If they are only in for a few days it's probably more important to give them the comfort of something they enjoy, even if it's fried or sugary. In long-stay hospitals, of course, you can do a lot more in the way of food and diet as preventive

Patients in the private sector generally get more choice and better quality — and pay accordingly. At the Humana Wellington hospital in London, with more than 200 beds, a table d'hôte menu is included in the price of the rooms which range from £250 to £355. Such menus offer a choice of five starters, five main courses with vegetables and salads and six puddings, comparable in quality to that of a five-star hotel, their Food Services Director, Andrew Neil, says. "We see food as an important part of recovery. People pay a lot, so they expect a lot."

An a la carte range — from beefburgers to Beluga caviare — is also available daily at extra cost. "We think our food is basically healthy. But we are not into 'healthy eating' as such, though heart patients would be instructed by our dictician."

Most NHS hospitals spend between £8 and £12 a week per patient, more in acute wards, less in geriatics or long-

'In strained economic times patients' diets are often regarded as a soft touch'

stay institutions. Kevin Higgins, dis trict catering manager for the Central Manchester Health Authority, gives patients three meals a day plus drinks for £10 each a week. This amount covers the actual cost of food, but not such costs as labour or fuel.

"You have to look at the speciality of the hospital and the patients' needs Obviously children are going to eat smaller portions than women in the maternity wards, who aren't even ill. Within our budget we try to put nutrition first, and we always consult with the dietitian. Then we try to offer choice, balance, colour, consistency and so on. But I always have to bear in mind that the product has to travel

well - the kitchen is a long way from

The authority is switching to cook/chill system later this year where food will be reheated on the wards. It will overcome some disadvantages though meals will still fail victim to other factors. "You get a consultant doing a late ward round or an emergency crops up and obviously the food has to wait," Mr Higgins says. "But it can be very frustrating when you know you've made something good, and by the time it gets to the patient it's spoilt and they are monning about it."

Health educationalist Andrew Craig, a member of Wandsworth District Health Authority and a special projects manager of the Royal College of Nursing, points out that food takes on a immense significance in hospital. "It has a symbolic as well as a literal importance. Feeling better is essential for getting better, and if you are given dreary, cold and unappetizing food that can be very

"You've got to spend a certain amount of money to produce food of sufficient quality and quantity, and many places are simply not spending patients' diets are often regarded as a soft touch.

Caterers can keep costs down by wielding their substantial purchasing power, which enables them to nego tiate special deals with suppliers. Most patients, however, would not expect to feed themselves at home for that sort of money, and might well be bappy to make a contribution if it meant more enjoyable meals. But Ann West says: "You could ask why patients should eat for nothing in hospital, and I can see that such payments might come, but I wouldn't be happy with it. I think what you eat is part of your whole treatment."

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Drinking their way

to a liver transplant

AT A meeting of the British Society of Gastroenterology in Warwick last week, subjects ranging from gallstones to laser surgery for oesophageal cancer were discussed. But Dr Thomas Stuttaford such is the public fascination with alcohol that interest at

the meeting centred on the changes of attitude the meeting centred on the changes of attitude towards fiver transplantation for alcoholic cirrhosis. Fewer than 900 people die of alcoholic liver disease annually while, for example, five million people in the United Kingdom have gallstones, and 45,000 gall bladder operations are performed each year. It is now realized that to withhold treatment here alives disease is restricted would be

because liver disease is self-induced would be as unreasonable as refusing surgery to a smoker with cancer of the lung. Dr Roger Williams of King's College Hospital, London, reported on 24 patients with alcohol-induced liver disease who had had a liver transplant carried out by a joint team from King's College and Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge. The long-term results compared favourably with those who had needed a transplant because of non alcohol-induced curhosis. Between 60 and 65 per cent of Dr Williams's patients had survived five years; the longest survivor has lived for eight years.

Dr Williams's cases were carefully selected; only patients who had failed to respond to medical treatment were offered surgery, and all were patients who had been dry for at least six months, were free of other disease which might militate against successful surgery, and had a stable domestic background. Dr Williams found that such is the impact of liver failure followed by surgery that few revert to drinking; only one in his series of 24 relapsed, and in a larger group three out of 41 later succumbed to temptation.

A transplant offers a patient a chance not

only of life but of a reasonable lifestyle. Most will be able to return to full-time employ. ment. A cost analysis by De Andrew Burroughs of Andrew Barroughs of the Royal Free Hospital his shown that although it is initially more expensive in

treat liver failure with a transplant than by conservative medical measures, the eventu difference is less than might be expected, at the continuing care after a transplant is cheaper.

Around 2,000 people die annually from liver
disease in England and Wales. Not more than
a third of these are from alcohol-induced

disease, but of this third only about 100 each year would be considered suitable for transplant surgery. Transplant surgery can never therefore, be more than a last resonable weapon against alcoholic circhosa. Heavy social drinkers as well as obvious alcoholics should be able to recognize the early, very vague warning signs and symptons of liver disease. They must be aware of increasing lethargy, loss of appetite, inson muscle weakness, morning nausca, persistent indigestion and an irritable bowel. The patient's doctor may notice other signs a tremor which affects the tongue as well as the hands, so that when the mouth is open the tongue can be seen flicking in and out like a snake's tongue; finger-nails which are unusually pale and grey, contrasting with the palms of the hands which are a lived red. The skin develops red spots — telangicctasia — or spider naevi, in which the red central spot has small veins radiating from it like legs from a spider. Easy bruising is also sometimes a cine to heavy drinking.

Heavy drinkers need regular blood tests in doubtful cases, a liver biopsy or a scan to assess the degree of fatty infiltration is useful.

Womb wisdom



Psychiatric discase is more common in women than in men, but it is impossible to know to what-

extent this is due to physiological and pathological causes, as opposed to so-ciological ones. The ancient Greeks had no doubt that it was physiological, and that the increased liability to mental instability in a woman was due to the fact that she had a uterus (the womb). Down the ages society has been so convinced of the extraordinary power of the womb to influence the psyche that hystera, the Greek for uterus, has given rise to the term hysteria. The Greeks were not only certain that the possession of a womb was the cause of mental ill bealth and moodiness, but were also obsessed that its very position within the abdomen was important. In their opinion if it did not lie in the standard position a woman was liable to suffer emotional as well as Victorians concurred, and became as interested as the Greeks in the relationship of

the lie of the womb to other abdominal organs. Once again a wide variety of symptoms was ascribed to "a misplaced womb". Great importance was attached to whether the uterus pointed forwards (anteverted) towards the abdomen, or backwards (retroverted) towards the sacrum, and whether it was straight,

kinked, or curved. Old myths die slowly; a recent correspondent to Issue.

ventrosuspension may still be a helpful procedure. the magazine of the National Association for the Childless, The modern woman should emplained that her doctors be gotteful; the standard text-book of gynaecology in the had been slow to realize that her troubles were due to her 1920s recommended that a retroverted uterus, and had been alleviated only after an operation, ventrosuspension, in which the uterus is pulled forwards and attached to the anterior abdominal wall. Mr

Smart Steele, a consultant

gynaecologist at the Univer-

sity College and Middlesex School of Medicine, has re-

plied in this week's issue to the

points she raised. In 20 per

cent of women the uterus

points backwards, in 80 per

cent forwards. There is no

evidence that in an otherwise

healthy woman miscarriages

are more common in one

group or the other, nor is a

retroverted uterus likely to

cause infertility. Experiments have shown that an unusual

lie of the uterus provided no

obstacle to the passage of

Mr Steele points out that in

the great majority of cases the

position the uterus adopts in

the abdomen is of no more

importance to the woman

than whether she is right or

left-handed. It becomes

retroversion is secondary to

other pelvic disease, such as

infection, or endometriosis,

which has not only distorted

the uterus but reduced its

mobility; in these cases the

correct course of action is to

treat the disease rather than

womb tilts backwards, the

and lie lower in the pelvis than

is usual; in this position they

can become painfully tran-

matized during intercourse,

and in this rare instance

correct the retroversion.

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woman with a retroverted uterus should lie "for several hours a day" face downwa in the hope of sitering its position. It did add that this for the "well-to-do"; the othwork, had to be content with the author's other su of electric currents and massage. However, whatever the view seemed to be that they would eventually need surgery.

Malaria news



The news this week that Mark Nicholas had while playing for the English

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believe was another disappointment for cricket lovers, who are becoming used to the sports news sounding like a ward round. Nicholas's physical fitness is no protecferred by previous exposure to the disease. A study of malaria in Leicester reported in the Journal of Infection found that in the past five years, 114 Very occasionally, when the malaria during a home visit The correct anti-malarial regiovaries are dragged down by it men varies according to the country being visited. Travellers to exotic places should consult the British Airways

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The children of Hull make it safe for frogs to go a-wooing

Ine jump ahead

t is a truth not universally acknowledged that the Largest colony of frogs in Britain is to be found on Anlaby Common, just outside

Our wildlife laws certainly do not acknowledge it: Anlaby Common is not a Site of Special Scientific Interest, nor a National Nature Reserve, nor a beneficiary of any sort of official protection.

Though the common frog, Rana temporaria, is in decline all over the country, it is estimated that there are about 90,000 of them within hopping distance of the large, nondescript piece of land on the western side of Hull's urban sprawi.

Its attraction for frogs can be seen in the remains of a medieval ridge-and-furrow system which crosses it the water table is very high, and when it rains the furrows fill up with water and a corner of the common turns into a lake.

In spring, frogs which have spent the summer and winter mainly in garden ponds head in from a radius of a mile around to the common to spawn, and when they arrive the croaking of up to 15,000 males at any one time sounds

Getting there, however, is far from straightforward. The common runs alongside a busy main road which on damp spring evenings has to be crossed by thousands of

frogs who would a wooing go. Large numbers get no further than a passing set of Dunlop radials and end up twodimensional; local people talk in terms of a massacre. Step forward, the Frog Patrol. Fasten jackets. Check

torches. Pick up buckets. To



They are the children of the Hull group of Watch, the junior wildlife club of the Royal Society for Nature Conservation, and every year, on damp spring evenings, they perform for frogs that service normally associated with old. ladies: a helping hand across

Dressed in bright yellow overjackets for road safety, and with adults in attendance. they patrol the roads and streets nearby, picking up hundreds of endangered frogs and depositing them safely on

They provide a spawn rescue service when the common dries out, as it has done in the last two very mild winters,



with fatal results for many of the spawn clumps, and they help the Hull Watch group leader, Mrs Ann Rayner, run her Frogline, to find homes for the rescued spawn.

These may be undramatic goings on as far as the wider world is concerned, but the lesson from them is perhaps worth pondering.

It is not only that Britain's largest colony of an increasingly uncommon species has children to look after it. It is not just, as Mrs Rayner says, that people ought to have the opportunity to have access to wildlife on their doorstep.

It is more to be found in the

reaction of the children if you suggest to them that what they are doing is yes, very praise-worthy, and so on, but frogs don't really matter, do they?
"Rubbish," says Julian
Wharam, aged 16, an A level
schoolboy who provides the quick-reaction element of the Frog Patrol with a bucket on

the back of his bike.
"They are just like us," says Pippa Anderson, aged 11. They have hearts. They have brains. It is only fair to save their lives."

Mrs Rayner says: "These children are going to grow up to be the environmental care-takers of the future." Swashbuckling savers of the

whale? Perhaps. They may well be on an even sounder track, if wildlife which is small and slimy and unglamorous is already included in their caretaking.

Michael McCarthy The children of the Hull Watch group can be heard talking on PM tonight on Radio Four, from 5pm. Details of how to vote for the £5,000 award will be broadcast on PM tomorrow. and published in The Times on

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Victoria Glendinning on the latest blast of the trumpet over the British hang-ups on sex and women

y themes are sex, dirt, fear and punishment." This book is not specifi-cally about Aids, but was written as a response to it. The author in his first sentence calls Aids "a Copernican event in the history of sexuality", something that will change our view of the past and our conduct in the future. He spends the rest of his book tracing attitudes to sexually transmitted diseases and to homosexuality from the 15th century onwards - without ever seeming to notice that the evidence, and his own glosses and insights, prove the very opposite of his Copernican claim.

For venereal diseases, by his own account, have always elicited blame and hatred, and fear of them has always been exploited by those in authority to inhibit and control sexual activity. Homosexuals have always been repudiated by insecure, members of the k thererosexual majority, though the coined until 1869; before then, commentators devised ominoussounding circumlocutions, and "sodomy" covered a multitude of. so-called sins. The results of "labelling" homosexuals are dis-cussed here, intelligently. (It is suprising that Foucault's History-of Security, from which most thinking about categorization derives, is nowhere mentioned.)

Before Aids, there was syphilis, which produced a gamut of appalling symptoms. The statistics cited are astonishing. In the mid-19th century, it seems that about half of all the patients in London's hospitals were suffering from syphilis-related conditions. In the 1920s, syphilis accounted for more deaths than tuberculosis or cancer. Syphilities, like some Aids sufferers, lost their jobs, or were ostracized, or were viewed as the recipients of divine punishment. Many people in authority thought it undestrable actively to seek a care, since it would deprive church and state of any sanction spainst sex outside marriage, "We are should not diminish the fear, but make it into a terror," as one peer as said in 1919. The availability of condoms was condemned for the

same killjoy reason. Mr Davenport-Hines gallops through conturies of medical, legal, religious, and social history, and makes vivid use of broadsheets, treatises, sermons, news-paper reports, parliamentary debates, cartoons, caricatures, and advertisements. The book is not strikingly well written, but the massive collage of material is so riveting that the stylistic shortcomings hardly matter.

"Most men misanderstand womankind in general, and hate

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books:

Explorers of the Amezon, by Anthony Smith (Viking, £15.99).

NEW HARDBACKS

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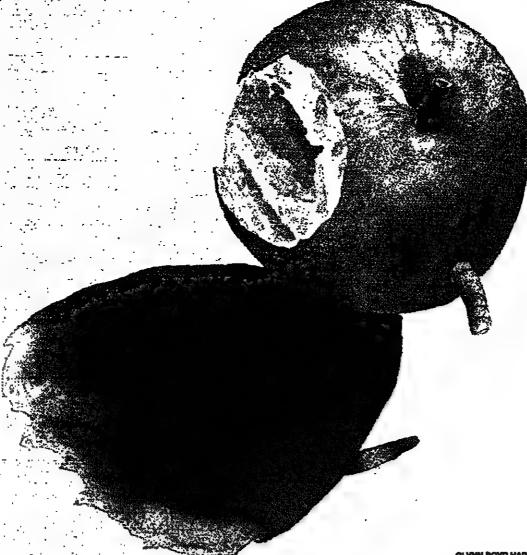
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Venus' golden apple is rotten

particular time," writes the author, without pansing to consider whether the misunderstanding, and the particularized hatreds, might not be mutual. This is a man-centred book. But then lesbianism has never been considered a threat to society, presumably because not many women have held positions of

Nevertheless a dislike of women underpins both terror of sexual disease and harred of homosexuality. An 18th-century treatise on sexual diseases fastened on "the filthy gulph of a Harlot" as the

SEX, DEATH AND PUNISHMENT Attitudes to Sex and Sexuality in Britain since the Renaissance By Richard Davenport-Hines Collins, 220

source of infection, as if women never caught anything from men. The writer of an anonymous sent to Peter Taichell, par-Bermondsey in 1982, boasted that when he was young, "Bermondsey

was a place where men were men and women counted as 'manholes"." Homosexuals elicit hostility because they are thought not to be "real" men, i.e. they are like women, dirty guiphs and manholes. The author has much to say about how all men should acknowledge and welcome the feminine component in them-selves. The characteristic of women, however, which he most often cites as the one sadly disallowed to men, if they are to fit the specious manly stereotype, is "passivity". When you think of the exhausting lives most women have always led throughout all

Mr Davenport-Hines is in-consistent. He criticizes the skulland-crossbones style of some anti-And-crossoones style of some anti-Aids publicity on the grounds of its effect on children and adoles-cents, who see the frightening posters and are growing up, he believes, to think that sex equals death and to associate pleasure with terror. Yet on the next page he asserts that "any self-respecting available".

rebellious teenager, admonished to a life of celibacy by a middle-aged politician" will "rush out in search of as much sex as possible with as many people as are This runsway book will pro-

history, that really is a laugh. Yet he is good on the hysteria.

hypocrisy, and wicked nonsense resulting from the defensive stereotyping of sexual categories,

and specially good on the way the

very men who express most

loathing of homosexuals deceive

themselves about the sexual orientation of chaps in their own

set, and on the complexities of

male bonding, and on the peculiar

ways that class comes into it in England (as it comes into every-

thing). Man's tragic capacity for

denial - whether of his own

experience, or along the lines of "There's no Aids in Tewkesbury",

as the local Environmental Health Officer said in 1986 - is sen-

clopment of the contraceptive pill provided 20 years of seemingly trouble-free sex for both straights and gays. But Mr Davenport-Hines finds no good in the Permissive Society. It is, or was, "a horrible journalistic vulgarization... a debased stunt intended to verify and vindicate all the emptiest and most brutal

all the emptiest and most brutal

cliches of male sexual identity".

He finds very little light anywhere.

In his account of the Wolfenden Report, which decriminalized

homosexual activity for males

over 21 in private, he cites so many of the hostile, bigoted

submissions that one wonders

how the committee ever came to recommend liberalization. In

assessing (pessimistically) current

attitudes to homosexuality, and to

Aids, he disregards most respon-

Aids, he disregards most responsible journalism, and quotes liberally from the grosser tabloids, but there is surely no serious topic on earth on which anyone would expect a worthwhile opinion from these sources. The world contains a proportion of bigots, bullies, blame-throwers, and doom-mongers. Homosexuality is just one tauget.

he discovery of antibiot-

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voke many arguments; but it will not resolve them.

Writer as

Barbara Day

LOVE AND GARBAGE By Ivan Klima Translated by Evald Osers

woman whose child was crushed in a road accident; a priest whose licence was rescinded; a young jazz enthusiast with a liver critically damaged in an industrial accident. The writer shares their friendship, absorbs and retells their stories, until, sitting in bospital with the young man: "All of a sudden it came to me how little I had in common with what I pretended to be. I felt ashamed."

The writer's double life - the deceit, the guilt, and the loneliness
- is reflected in his relationships with two women: his wife Lida and the sculptress Daria. When he lies beside Lida, his infidelity is inexplicable. But Daria will not let him go. He knows the helplessness of his guilt; in loving Daria he has betrayed Lida, but in returning to Lida he betrays Daria: "We break the ancient laws which echo within us, and we believe that we may do so with impunity.

We break the ancient laws both in our personal and in our public lives. At a time of reconciliation, the writer takes his wife to a family picnic spot, but it has been turned into a refuse depot. The country is polluted by rubbish tips and smoking chimneys, cancer agents which we inflict on each other. But of all the piles of indestructible rubbish, "the most dangerous are

the masses of discarded ideas" the meaningless, manufactured slogans forced on the Czechs and Slovaks during 40 years of com-munist rule. Klima was writing before the "gentle revolution" which swept away the tainted ideals of his country's old government, and brought in a new one, Now he is amongst those who are working — a little less gently — to clear up the rubbish of the past.

the extent to which the role of

priests changes as societies change. One of the major themes is the

Wild Wolfman of Rust City iungle realism

hicago has long bred a school of writers. The style tends to be harsh realism, an urban jungle where survival is all. Live and let live is not the maxim, nor right and wrong. It is, as Paul Theroux says in Chicago Loop, a city where inhabitants are happier among strangers. Most people want harm to come to the successful executive hero, Parker Jagoda, and some want him ruined or dead. His well-being creates their animosity.

Jagoda haunts the financial district, the noisy and anonymous Loop, where no one lives, full of the bitter smell of rusting iron. He is corroded with sexual ob-sessions, and commits a murder, and is called the Wolfman. His wife plays to his fantasies, but he succumbs to the dark underbelly of the city and his cravings. He dresses as a woman, as his victim, and he ends by taking the last step

to the liberation of his own death. Theroux is one of the more powerful and evocative writers in the language. And this Chicago of perversion is more sour and disturbing than the stockyards of Upton Sinclair or the neon wilderness of Nelson Algren. The book turns the stomach and tips the mind towards the unimaginable, a tour de sorce of the recesses of

The Buddha of Suburbia is about a young Englishman born and bred, who considers himself a new breed from two old histories. Hanif Kureishi dealt with the mixture of cultures in My Beautiful Laundrette: now his adolescent hero Karim Amir feels that he belongs to England and does not, which makes him restless and easily bored. The spirit of his age is a general drift and idleness. He loves men and boys, women and girls equally, particularly Charlie, who becomes a punk rock star, and Jamila, who likes having him in public lavatories, yet who accepts an arranged marriage after a hunger strike by her father, who is eventually killed by her crippled husband with a blow from pink

Karim moves to West Kensington with his father and mistress, who has pretensions and one breast. The suburbs are only a leaving place, the start of a life. "After that, you ratted or rotted." He becomes an actor in avantgarde companies, and endures revolutionary comrades and two of the more unpleasant artistic directors of modern fiction, whose manipulation never ceases. "It's always crap for actors," one of

them tells Karim consolingly. Hanif Kureishi portrays a dec adent and dissolute society, cut off from belief and tradition, with nowhere to go except on or down. He is very funny about the clash of expectations and classes. He is merciless against imposture. He guts all except for the characters of his original family of misfits, whom he loves in their flounderings. Sardonic and ruthless, The Buddha of Suburbia derides London in full decay, and also the radical theatre that is the compost of the city.

With a playwright now President of Czechoslovakia, a novelist may become President of Peru. Mario Vargas Llosa is running for the post, and if his new novel reports his policies, the Indians of FICTION -

Andrew Sinclair

CHICAGO LOOP By Paul Theroux Hamish Hamilton, £12.99 THE BUDDHA OF SUBURBIA By Hanif Koreishi Faber, £12.99 THE STORYTELLER By Mario Vargas Llosa

Faber, £12.99 MAD HANNAGH RAFFERTY By Tony Sullivan André Deutsch, £11.95

the Amazon will find a protector in him. The Storyteller is a hybrid. Half of it is written by an author and maker of a television series called Tower of Babel, he remembers a strange Jewish friend, Saul, with a birthmark on his face, who has disappeared, perhaps becom-ing a bard or hablador among the Michiguenga Indians of the rain forest. The other half of the novel consists of the mythological and modern stories of the hablador, who has become the memory of the primitive tribe which he has

The reasons for this metamorphosis - and Kafka's story is invoked - fascinate the narrator, is Saul another version of the Wandering Jew, or is he attracted to a marginal society because he feels marginal on the streets of Lima? He is a fanatic about the destruction of the Indians by contact with linguists or missionaries or planters or officials or drug barons. His tales to the natives reach these days, and he insists that they should not change. "We'd best be as we are." The Amazonian forest should be put in quarantine, and all the people in it, who are the last to comprehend the connection between man and nature and the gods. It is Llosa's skill not to make The Storyteller a tract for green times, but a quest in search of a difficult spirit, who finds his metier in serving as the consciousness of a threatened way of life.

There is a prize for that most difficult of arts, the second novel, and Mad Hannah Rafferty should win it. Tony Sullivan has written a wry and analytic book about the way that the great failed crusade for peace and love and brotherhood of the late Fifties has become a modern psychiatric illness. His heroine is both a good Catholic and a revolutionary socialist in Liverpool. She marches to Aldermaston, she becomes Trotskyite with her lover, her baby dies a cot death, she ends in a mental ward writing her memoirs

on lavatory paper.
As with Llosa, Tony Sullivan makes no rant of this fervour turning into delirium. His quiet iokes deflate, his true observations illuminate. Vignettes of Liverpool and London could not be better written in shorter space. As an elegy to the last lost red dream of our time, Mad Hannah Rafferty hurts and grimaces, it is as fine as it could be about what could never



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uring Czechoslovakia's dark years, there was (and still is) a man in Bratislava who had printed on his visiting card a line from W. H. Auden: We must love one another or die.

I remembered the quotation when I read Ivan Klima's new novel. Lave and Garbage is the parrative of a middle-aged writer in Prague, who has applied for the job of street-sweeper to gather material (maybe literally) for his next book. For he has come to realize that rubbish is indestructible - "It can, at most, change its form . . . it pervades the air, swells up in water, dissolves, rots, changes into gas, into smoke, into soot, it travels across the world and gradually engulfs it." In his childhood, "the writer",

like Klima, lived in the ghetto town of Terezin, whence the only exit was to the Nazi concentration camps. After the war he discovered that "all those I had been fond of, all those I had known, were dead, gassed like insects and incinerated like refuse". And so he began to write, to recreate the lives of those who were no longer alive.

Sometimes, having swept their patch, the writer and his coworkers sit out the rest of their shift in the pub. Among them is a

dustman

NOVEL OF THE WEEK

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Antidisestablishmentarian

et Plato define the priests' job: "They understand how to offer gifts to gods in sacrifice in a manner pleasing to them, and they know the right forms of prayers for petitioning the gods to bestow blessings on their worshippers." How very different from the local vicar. What sensible people these Greeks

and Romans were.

The Beard-North collection of essays arose from a series of seminars at that Alexandria of scholarship, the London Institute of Classical Studies. It is a pleasure to review an essay-collection that has been properly edited, i.e., the essays are not left free-standing but are overviewed in the inPeter Jones

PAGAN PRIESTS Edited by Mary Beard and John North Druckworth, £24

troduction, and made part of a continuing argument in the summaries that introduce each piece. There are three groups of essays, the first centred on the Graeco-Roman city-state, the second outside the city-state (Memphis, Babylon, Mycenaean Greece), and the third on the Roman Empire. The emphasis is on the connection between religion and politics, and

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strong modification to the concep-tion of priesthood that takes place when Augustus, the first Roman emperor, assumes the role and functions of (as it were) chief priest (and so chief sacrificer), and makes the connection between state and religion symbolically absolute. Perhaps the most controversial claim in the Roman section is Beard's, that the main mediating body between gods and men in Republican Rome was the senate. One objection is that while the senate may intervene in areas of religious concern (e.g. introduction of new cults, for example, or the Bona Dea affair), it does so only when Rome's (political) peace and prosperity are threatened. This cannot be described as

mediating between men and gods. This is an important collection of essays, generated by what was obviously an excellent seminar series. The Classics are alive and well in London.

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PREVIEW

Wife with a knife

harpening the dagger for her husband tonight, in the ENO's new

Kristine Ciesinki (above). No stranger to the world of female

operatic toughies - she already has the roles of Medea, Salome and

Tosca to her credit - she is in real life married to the far from

murderous fellow opera singer Norman Bailey. Jonathan Summers takes

the title role in the latest instalment of the Verdi "cycle" unfolding under

the inspired direction of Mark Elder. For the ballet of Hecate and the

witches, the ENO have called in Ian Spink and his dynamic

contemporary dance ensemble, Second Stride. The weird sisters will

present aspects of womanhood and the female life cycle such as are

notably lacking in Lady ("Unsex me here") Macbeth. The ballet belon

to the version of the opera Verdi made for Paris in 1865. Usually

omitted, it is, in the words of Verdi scholar Julian Budden, "one of the

composer's most impressive, by turns majestic and demonic". David

Pountney's production promises to be no less bracing than those of La

Traviata, Simon Boccanegra, and Un ballo in Maschera. In any case, you

St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 0111), tonight and Saturday,

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Kingdom. A newly commissioned col-leboration between Sola, established

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YOKO ONO: Film Programme. Each Saturday the exhibition "The Bronze

Age" is punctuated by rare showings of Yoko's seminal films. This week: The

Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hemmersmith, London W6 (01-748 8854). Exhibition until April 22, tree.

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vice and servitude blurring the line between performance and audience

space by use of the streets.
The October Gallery (inside and out),
Oid Gloucester Street, London WC1 (01-

831 1618), tonight until Sun, 7.30pm, 25

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indicated above, including events in the following seven days. Plus the Cinema Guide

C OPERA Barry Millington

MONILET COLLEGE OPERAL Pronunts a double-bill of works by Franz von Suppé and Nino Rota, the composer of the

score for The Godfsther. Bioomsbury Theatre, Gordon St, London WC1 (01-387 9629), today. tomorrow and Sat, 7.30pm, Sat mat 2.30pm, 25-28 (minus £1.50 for concs). THE MARTYROOM OF ST MAGNUS The excellent Macroell Davies Festive offers a staging by Michael McCarthy of the chamber opera from 1976. Michael

Rafferty conducts the SCO. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), tomorrow,

DIE MEISTERSINGER VON SERCE Bornd Welki colobies Harra Sachs's verses, and Christoph von Dotinanyi conducts in John Cox's new-leh production at Covent Garden. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), tomorrow and Mon. 5.30pm, 24-890.

THE CAMPLETC Graham Cark is the eponymous obsessive in David Pountney's lively produc English National Opera, Collseum, S Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 tional Opera, Coliseum, St 3161), tomorrow and Tues, 7.30pm, 23-

OUTSIDE LONDON

COS FAN TUTTE: Mozart with periwige Derek Clark conducts for WNO. Hippodrome, Bristol (0272 299444), tonight 7.15pm, £8-£26.

THE METRITY WIDOW: Musically strong dramatically weak, Opera 80 venture. Theatre Royal, Lincoln (0522 525555), today and Sat, 7.30pm, 26.50-29; Charter Theatre, Preston (0772 58858), Mon and Wed, 7:30pm, 25:50-20 (minus 21 for

LUCIA DI LAMMERIACORE Opera 60's brave stab - If that's the word - at Donizetti's popular work. Linda Clemens dons the blood-stained nupliel gown.
Theatre Royal, Lincoln (as above),
tomorrow, 7.30pm, 26.50-29; Chartel ston (0772 58858), Tues 7.30pm, 25.50-28 (minus 21 for concs). SERUSALEM: Verdi's reworking of

A challenging staging by Plerre Audi, conducted by Peul Daniel. Opera North, Grand Thesire, Leeds (0532 445325), Sat and Wed, 7.15pm, £4-

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DER BOSENKAVALIER: Traditional can imaginative staging by Wolfgang Waber, but it is worth travelling far to hear the rose's recipient, Amanda Roocroft, in her first professional engagement. me, Bristol (as above), Set,

RICTION

DANCE John Percival

GISELLE: Peter Wright's careful production for the Royal Ballet with Lesley Collier in the title role tonight and Tues, Arvenna Tucker Sat mat and Wed, Flora

Chadwick Sat evening. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30pm, £1-£41, mat 2.30pm, £1-£24.

LES BALLETS JAZZ: Company from Montreal new to Britain. First programme includes Cranko's Ebony Concento to music which Stravinsky wrote for Woody Herman, and Canad choreographer Brian Macdonald's Big Band to Stan Kenton (today, Fri, Sat). Second programme of two has Macdonald's Red Hot Peppers to Jelly Roll Morton, and four works by Argentinian choreographer Mauricio Walnrot (Tues-

dier's Wells Theetro, Flosabery Ave-Me EC1 (01-278 8616), 7.30pm, math Sat 2.30pm, £4-£16.

THE FEATHERSTONEHAUGHS: All main cast give pointed performances in often robotic sketches by Lea Anderson. 3647), Tues-April 14, 8pm.

SONG & DANCE: Andrew Lloyd Webber's "double-bill" has Marti Webb singing Tell me on a Sunday and Wayne leading a company of eight asy Theatis, Sheffesbury Ave. tue, London W1 (01-379 6889), Mon-Sa 7.45pm, mat Sat 3pm, previews from today, opens April 23, 7pm, £7.50-£20.

OUTSIDE LONDON

MONTHEIN HALLET THEATRE nbood bill at Bath until Sat includes Hynd's Liaisons Amoureuses to Offen-bach music and Gillian Lynne's Lipizzaner, a love story with horses. Giselle at Brighton from Tues.
Theatre Royal, Bath (0225 448844)
evenings at 8pm, £7-£15, except Fri: Royal Gala 28-£16, mat on Sat 2.30pm, £6-£13. Theatre Royal, Brighton (0278 28488) 7.30pm, 25-E12.50.

LONDON CITY BALLET: André Prokovsky's Le traviate today at Guildford and from Tues at Billingh Also at Guilotora Fri, Sat, a varied bill with Graduation ball, Aurora's Wedding and Three Dances to Japanese Music. neuel Theatre Guidford (048) 80191) 7.90pm, mat 2.30pm. Tonight and Sat ufternoon £11.50-£14; Fri, Sat evening £12.50-£15. Forum Thestre, Bitingham (0642 552663), 7.30pm, £6-

WINO CAREST: Bulenchine's Garshwin programme also including Balanchine's Scotch Symphony and a new production of Petipa's classic Propilin.
Theatre Royal, Newcastle upon Tyne (091 232 2061), until Sat, 7.30pm, mat

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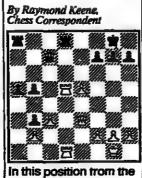
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SHORT STORIES: Ben Okri, Nigerian number of incidents at the Strine and

Montpelier, Bristol (0272 542154), to-morrow, 8pm, £3.50 (£2 concs).

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794848), Fri, 8pm, £1-£5.

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KIT WRIGHT: Popular writer with wry launour reacts work written aince 1983. Beeston Library, Foster Avenue, Beeston, Nottingham (0602 255168). today, 7.30pm, £2.50 (£1.50 concs).

ADRIAN HENRI: Henri reads to ac company the publication of his first collection for eight years Wish You Were Here, which exampts to beliance the derk and the celebratory. With former Liverpool Scene collaborator, Andy

The Poetry Society, 21 Earls Court Square, London SW5 9DE (01-373 7661), today, 7.30pm (reception 6.30pm), 24 (23.50 conce), 22.75 members.

WRITING TOOSETHER: Femilial and conference programme in Glasgow for 1990. Highlights include "Race, Gender and Class in Fiction, in Postry, in Drama" Sessions feature, amongst others, Caryl Phillips, Enzo Siciliano, Dea Trier Morch, Grace Nachola, Flaw Adcock, Taben Io Liyong, and Ngugi Wa Thlong'o.

Days On Salaking, Changow University
(Info: 041 8398855 ext 5083, Eleanor Commander), today and tomorrow, all day, £5 per day, (£3 concs).

DAVID MALOUP: Acclaimed Australia novelist whose latest, The Great Works, is published this month. Voice Box, Level 5, Red Side, South Bank, SE1 (01-928 8800), tomorrow, 7.30pm, £2.50 (£1.50 concs).

NEIL ASTLEY AND GEORGE CHARLTON: Two Tymeside posts. Aminy is Bloodaxe Books founder, Danwin' nurwivor is his first collection. Charlton's Nightshift Workers is placed in the pube, down the invest and on the allowant. Queen's Hell Arts Course, Beaumont Bireet, Hexturn, Northumberland (0434 606787), tomorrow, 7.30pm, £3 (£2 conce)

THE OLASGOW NOVEL MISKITING TO-GETHER'S With Douglas Gifford, Dorothy Porter, Rory Watson and Edwin Morgan, Boyd-Orr Building, Gleagow University (as above), Sun, 7.30pm, 22, (21 concs).

EA MARKHAME Chiefunging post and editor. Poems of great vision and strength exploring the histories and identifies of West Indian people today. Tomisso Meeting House, 99 Tomisso renue, London NW5 (01-267 2751), Sur. 7.30cm. free.

HARD EDGE CLUTE "The Word and Proud of it" with a strong bill of Gordie Agar, best survivor Libby Houston, Alan Jackson (his Salutations: Collective Poems is just published and a major event in contemporary British poetry), Johnny London and Katy Margam. The Red Llos (upstales), Great Windrell Street, London W1 (01-791 0121), Mon.

EURCE DE DOUZA: Whose poet often chronicle extreme aspects of women's lives in lindia reads blonguide Debjant Chatterjee. The Poetry Society, London (as above), Tues, 7.30pm, 22.50 (£2 concs), £1.25

from Carcenet Press, joined by Newcastle resident performance poet

3647), Tues, 1pm, £2 and £1

Voice Box, South Bank, London (as above), Wed, 7.30pm, 62 (£1.50 concs).

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Geoff Brown's selection of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country. NEW RELEASES

THE CITADEL: Polgnent, grindy humorous Algerian tale of a young Ando villager forced to marry. Metro-(01-437 0757).

DUST IN THE WINE: Tribulations of bearingure in the big city; affections in 1988 film by the Tolumnope remoter Hou History

ICA Cinema (01-930 3647). A SHORT FILM ABOUT LOVE (18): Krzysztof Kieslowski's powe end owno take of volyeurism and CO1-639 4470) Cada (O1-

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 ALWAYS (PG): Spielberg's plush but pointless remaks of A G ed Joe with Flictierd Dreyluss ins a cheel pilot returning to centra. Commissi Parkway (01-267 7054) Commissi Baker Street (01-835 9772) Fulhern Road (01-370 2636) Statistical Physics (01-536 6631) Whiteleys (01-792 3303/3324) Plaza (01-497 9899).

♦ BLACK RAIN (18): Michael Douglas pursuing a Japanese gangster. Flashy potboller from Grecov Ridley Scott. et (01-497 9999).

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& BOWN ON THE FOLIATH OF AULY (18): Dynamic limb-Vietnem epic from Oliver Stone, with Tom Cruine monitorit en paraplacie Ron

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CELIA (15): Powertol Austra portrait of a retellious child in a restrictive society. Striking disbut by director Ann Tumer. Dans Court Float Company To D (01-556 6145) Metro (01-487 0757) 0644/6)

CINEMA PARADISO (PG): Glusappe Tometom's nostrigic tale of a small Siction chemic a happy appending solute to the movies. Curson Maylet (01-465 8865).

A CITY OF BADDRESS (15): Hou Huleo-hulen's imaginited freeco of life in surbulent post-war Taiwan. Resear (01-637 8402). DANCER THRU THE DANK (15):

Willy Russell's thin but bolistarous -munical aut in a Liverpool dence hall. none: Chairma (01-362 5096) Court Reed (01-636 6148) Warner (01-439 0791).

CONSYMO NIES DARRY (U): Jessica Tanty as the pricity Southern lady with a black chauffeur (Morgen Freeman). 2636) Minusea (01-235 4225) Screen on the HIII (01-435 3368) erner (01-439 0791) Wh

(01-702 3903/3324). (15): Muddled adence-fiction from young Australian film makers, with some decent visual effects. Prince Charles (01-497 8181).

THE FABULOUS BAKER BOYS (15): Highly diverting Street its between a blonds singer (Michalle Ptalifer) and two cockes planists (Jeff und Beau Bridges). Odeons: Haymarket (01-839 7697) Kamangton (01-602 8644/5) Series at (01-899 7697) ange (01-722 5905) Screen on Below Street (01-835 2772) Wishaloys (01-792 3303/3324).

OF ARRIVE BUSINESS: Curato's ocu comedy-drama about a family of crooks (Sean Connery, Dustin Hoffman, Matthew Broderick). Cumone: Chalana (01-352 5088) Passon Street (01-930 0631).

◆ GLORY (15): Edward Zwick's impassioned salute to the black

Americans who fought in the Civil War; powerful performances. on Sheftesbury Avenue (01-

THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA (15): Lorca's play about a widow and her five daughters; fine acting. but technis cine Premiere (01-439 4470).

ESUS OF MONTREAL (18): Passion Play trouble in Montreal. Obvious but elegant satire from director Denys Arcand. oir (01-837 8402) Premiere (01-

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MY LEFT FOOT (15): Tim Christy Brown story; uplifting fare, marvellously acted, with Oscar winners Daniel Day-Lewis and

Screen on Baker Street (01-935 2772) Premiere (01-439 4470). PRUDE AWARENING (15): Uneven comedy with a conscience about hard-core hipples controsting the Eighties. Eric Roberts, Cheech Marin. Odeon himship Arch (01-725 2011).

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TANGO NO CASH (15): Preposterous thriller with Sylveste Ethionia and Kurt Russilli as cops out to ruin orien hose thick

Oxford Street (01-636 0310) Follows Read (01-570 2635) Whiteleys (01-792 3503/332 est End (01-439 0971). A YROP BELLE POUR TOR (18): Silvand Departieu toys between his

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Rough and ready black cornedy about yupples trying to hide their boss's demise. Andrew McCarthy, Jonamun Silvaman.

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8.00 Yes, Minister, Classic Jay and

Lynn comedy series (r) 8.30 Nature includes a report on how

people who invest in green unit trusts may find that their money is going

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9.00 French and Saundiers. More comedy as the witty duo include their version of Gone with the Wind

9.30 40 Minutes: How Could Shb? (see

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10.30 Newsnight
11.15 The Late Show profiles the late
French writer Roland Barthes 11.55

Dog, New Trick. Ends at 12.35

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Mothers against nature

Peter Waymark

That a mother can walk out on her children may belong to the realms of the unthinkable or insane, but 40 Minutes (BBC2, 9.30pm) has found four who did it and got them to talk freely in front of the camera. Sally George's film covers the how, and more intriguingly, the why, and does not try to impose a view. The enormity of the act is still with these women many years later, which is not to say they all feel guilt or feel that what they did was not for the better in the long run. The four subjects have been chosen to represent a spread of experience -Margaret who could not cope with motherhood; Gloria trying to run a home and family and study for a degree; Sylvia unfulfilled and needing to escape; Sheila trapped in a wretched marriage. Though there was much pain along the way, the endings are by no means unhappy.

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Ostensibly a performance of Dario Fo's satirical comedy which gives a modern slaut to the medieval mysteries, Mistere Buffe (BBC2, 10.10pm) is actually an excuse for a one-man show by
Robbie Coltrane. Claiming that alternative comedy started in the Middle Ages, and slipping in references to poll tax refuseniks, Salman Rushdie and Richard Branson, the corpulent Coltrane leaps about the stage attired in shocking pink and enacts the raising of Lazarus in a Glasgow cemetery. The piece itself is less funny than what Coltrane makes of

it, playing all the characters and showing off a dazzling variety of accents.

• Maurice (Channel 4, 9,30pm) is the Merchant-Ivory term's second forny into E.M. Forster after A Room With a View and though the material is more controversial (a homosexnal affirir at Cambridge during the Edwardian era) the treatment has the same tasteful centre of the story are skilfully played by James Wilby and Hugh Grant, leaving actors of the calibre of Denholm Elliott, Simon Callow, Ben Kingsley and Billie Whitelaw to take the supporting roles. • During the Renaissance the master painters passed on "recipes" of art to their students, Today's instruction is less rigid. A teacher at the Royal Academy School declares: "We never clip anyone's wings." The Painter's World (Channel 4, 6.00pm) also calls in at the Slade School and the Royal College of Art in pursuit of soswers to the old commorum of Whether artists are born or made.

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12.00 News and weather followed by Daynine Live. The week's series on sleep concludes with Dr Jim Florne of Loughborough University explaining why some people are larks and others owis 12.55 Regional raws and weather

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Sunday Telegraph Max Hastings.

11.00 Indemational Denoting introduced by Angela Rippon from the Bournernouth International Centre. Tonight it is the turn of the Armour Modern competitors.

11.30 Intermedional Cricket. Highlights from the first day's play in the fourth Test between West Indice and England in Barbados Weather um Ramadan: A Moeth To Remember, Iman B. D. Muradadeen Investigates the changes in family life during the Islamic holy month and

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5.00 Treasure Hunt in the Yorkshire countryside (r). (Oracle)
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7.50 Comment followed by Westher
8.00 Greek Fire. Myth. Programme three of the 10-part series exploring the influence of Ancient Greece on today's society. This episode looks at how important Ancient Greece's values and myths are to western imagination

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8.30 The Crystal Maze. Richard

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Animated adventure

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am to put on the laggest have continued careers.

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RADIO 2

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4.30mm Open University (FM conty)
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7.36 Morning Concert (cont):
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Schwarz): Armisky (Moin
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Chernushenko, with Sergel
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8.36 News.
8.35 Composers of the Week:
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Shelius — and Beachum. The Oceanides (Royal Philismionic Orchestra under Beachem): The Return of Lemminteine (LPO under Beecham); Andente festivo (Finnish Radio Orchestra under the composer); Symphony No in A minor (London armonic Orchania

under Bescham)

9.35 The Senses' Delight:
Julianne Bard, soprano,
Nigel Horth, chartone and
baroque quitar, Colin Tiney,
herpsichord, perform helian
17th-cantury vocal music. Includes Monodies from Caccini's 1502 collection The New Music, Monteventil's Lament of Arladne; and a cantata by larbara Strozzi (r)

Sarpara Stroczi (f)
10.10 Chilingirian String Quartet
performs Topett (Quartet
No 2) (r)
10.36 The Telemarken Fiddler:
Scandingvian Sessor. The
plantst Malcolin Troup
performs Gring (Siddler. Op
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11.20 BSC SO under Andrew
Davis, with Lorraine
Manuser, violin, performs
Dvořák (Cernival Overture);
Bruch (Concerto No 1);
Stach (Contesto No 1); Eigar (Symphony No 2) 1.00pm News

Los Barmingham Lurordina Concert Live from Studio One, Virginia Black, harpsichord, performs J.S. Bach (Chromatic Fantassa and Fugue in D ramassa and Popule in manor, SWV 903; Somatz in A. Op 17 No 5); Rameau [Three Preced from Swite in D, 1724; Scartard (Sonatas: in G. 40; 337; in E, Kik 380; in A, Kik 24)

2.00 BBC Waleh Symphony
Orchestra (Fill only from 3.05) under Nicholas
Cloobury, with John
Wales, trumper, performs
Sandstrom (Cliministions);
Souster (Trumper
Concerto); Smawnsky
(Symphony in three
movements), incl 2.55
Interval Resolng
2.00 10.30 Test Match Special
(IRMI only); West Indies v
England, Bast by Josi
commentary on the first day
of the fourth Test, from
Pridgetown, Berbados
3.25 Schubert and Liezt (Fill
only); The planist David Tutt
performs Schubert (Soneta
in A, D 656); Liezt (Waltzes
from Sounda's Faust) (r)
Music for Guller (Fill only);
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59); Brouser (Imaginaria)
eterna); Burkhardt
(Passacaglia) (r)
4.30 Stainer's Crucitidon (Fill
only); A performance with

Staner's Crucimon (rem only): A performance with additional instruments devised by David Ellis, by members of the BBC PO members of the BBC PO under Stephen Wilderon, with Julien Keffy, organ; BBC Northern Singers 8.36 Mainly for Pleasure (Fill only) with Fritz Spleg) 7.06 Third Ear (Fill only): Andrew Parrott, conductor, singer, scholar and director of the Tayerner intermibilis, in Taverner ensembles, in conversation with Michael

T.30 Towards Bach (Fill only): Teverner Choir under Andrew Parrott, with David Robiou, organ, perform Prescobatol (Messa delli Anethi)

Apostofi)
8.30 Land of Heroes (FM only):
Scandinavian Season (see Choice)
9.46 Billie Holiday (FM only):
During her lifetime, the legendary singer was underrated by the public but admined by her tellow musicians. Born 75 years ago, she died in tragic circumstation in 1939, becausatting a unique bequeathing a unique BOY OF THEODERS

18.10 Music in Our Time (FM only until 10.20): Disrupted Landscapes. Spectrum under Guy Protheros pertorns Anthony Payne (The Song Streams in the Firmament): John Rea (Los pieces des forces) raisons des forces mouvantes); Michael Finnissy (... Above Earth's Shadow) 11.00 Composers of the Weelc Scandinavian Beason. Berwald and Crusell (r)

12.00 News 12.05mm Close

RADIO 4

LW (b) Stereo on FM 6.53 mm Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer For the Day (s) 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.90, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament 8.37 Weather

9.05 Punters: An opportunity for asteners to report on life's problems, injustices and quirks. With Susan Marting 9.45 The Upper Hand: Dylan Winter meets people who often their services yet retain the upper hand over their customers. Part 1; The Garage Mechanic (r) 10,00 News, The Natural History

Programme with Fergus Keeling and Jessica Holm & An Act of Worship (s) l 1.00 News; Citizens (5) I 1.23 Turbulent Prinsts: In line hast in the series, the Rev Dr Edward Norman talks to four controvenual derics about the principles and betate which motivate the Part 4: The Rev Suzanne Fageol, one of the first Anglican women to be ordained as a priest in the United States, who is now serving in the St Hilda

Community in London
11.50 First Person: Series of rails
by first-time broadcasters.
Hugh Leach recounts his
strange fascination for the
call of a budle
12.00 News You and Yours with 12.00 News; You and Yours with John Waite John Wate 12-25pm Lord Peter Wimsey: The Unpleasantness at the Beliona Club, a six-part dramatization of Dorothy

L. Sayers's story. With lan Carmichael as Lord Peter. Part 1: Armistice Night (r) 12.35 Weather 1.06 The World at One with James Naughtie 1,40 The Archers (r) 1,55 Shipping Forecast 2,00 News, Woman's Hour: At

the end of the Parliamentary term, three women MPs discuss the last session From Leaches to Lasers the history of medical instruments is explained at King's College Hospital; and following a survey conducted by Exeter University, a feature on the moral issues children between the ages of 7 and 11 are prepared to discuss

2.00 News; Heart and Bone: Play by Stephen Greenhorn. With Forbes Masson as Alan and ari McQuama es Mike

4.00 News 4.05 Bookshelf with Nigel Fords 4.25 Kalaidoscope (s) (r) 5.00 PM with Frances Coverdele and Robert Williams, Valerie and Hobert wilders, values Singleton talks to the fourth of the five encritisted entries for The Times/PM Environment Award & So Shipping Forncest 6.55 Westber

8.00 Six O'Clock News, Financial Report 6-30 And Now . . . in Colour (new 6.30 And Now . . . in Colour (new series) (s) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Anchers
7.30 The Revelation: Derek
Jacobi plays St John the
Divine in a charmatization of
part of the last book of the
Bible (see Choice)
8.00 Analysis: OC v MP. David
Walker anks what the
growing number of citizens
using the judicial system to
take up a crievance with the

take up a grievance with the Government tells us about Parliament and the role of 8.45 Does He Take Sugar? Kati Whitakar presents the magazine for people with

9.15 Kaleldoscope: Nick Dear previews Cho Jun at Stratford; Colin Ford meets photographer Lynne Davis, whose leaburg pictures are on show at Hamiltons Gallery; a feature on the industry which has grown up around the legend of Martin Luther King; and David Nice reviews two Bruckner records (s)

9.45 The Firancial World Tonight

9.50 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight (s) 10.45 A Book At Badhiner

Something to Hold Onto, by Richard Cobb. Part 3: The 11.00 Exit Lines: Five-part dramatization of Reginald Hill's detective story, With Donald Gee as Det Insp 11.30 Today in Parkament 12.00-12.30mm News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

FM as LW except 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner (s) 5.59-5.55 PM (cont) 11.30-12.10mm Open University: Education for Adults – The Soviet FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;FM-97,8-93,8. (London gree FM-104.8.) Radio 2: 893kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92-44.6. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capitat: 1548kHz/199m; FM 95.8. Greeter London Radio: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; World Service: MW

RADIO CHOICE

Peter Davalle

 Were there crossed fingers, wonder, on the anonymous hand that has edited the words of St John the Divine in The Revelation (Radio 4, 7,20pm)? Practically the last words in the New Testament are a dire warning that plagues will be



Derek Jacobi: reads the words of John (R4, 7.20pm)

tampers with the prophesies in this apocalyptic book. But in defence of tonight's dramatization of the Book of Revelation, I must testify that it has not messed about with John, only summarized him. So it is devoutly to be hoped that a curse will not fall on the head of Derek Jacobi (who reads the words of John), or the BBC Singers, or Peter Howell who wrote the music, or the director James Whitbourn whom I congratulate on the reverence he displays for the awe-inspiring nature of the book, and the sparing use he makes of the awe-inspiring resources of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop. ● Land of Heroes (Radio 3 FM, 8.30pm) skilfully blends Sibelius's four legends with the Finnish epic Kalevala which not only inspired Sibelius to write his music (which I did know), but gave Longfellow the idea of writing Hiawatha in trochaic metre (which I did not know).

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Private toll roads ahead

By David Young

PRIVATE companies will build three new road projects in the next 10 years and operate them by charging tolls, Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Transport, said

yesterday. He confirmed that an Anglo-French consortium will build a proposed new bridge across the Severn three miles south of the existing crossing and will also take over the existing bridge and the £120 million interest payments still owed on the original project.

Private companies will also build a planned road around the north of Birmingham, the Birmingham Northern Relief Road, and a new road linking Birmineham

Mr Parkinson has also asked the civil engineering industry to come forward with plans to build six new road schemes to relieve bottlenecks on a private basis and on which they will be allowed to charge tolls.

The new schemes are a new Thames crossing by road or tunnel east of the existing M25; a new crossing on the Tamar linking Devon and Cornwall; a new Mersey crossing serving Liverpool airport; a link between Chelmsford, Essex, and the M25; a new route alongside the existing A127 from the M25 to Rayleigh in Essex; and a short link between the Al and the M1 at Scratchwood in north

Mr Parkinson indicated that in the next Queen's Speech the Government will outline proposed legislation which would eventually allow a network of new private toll roads and bridges to be built.

The announcement of the Anglo-French consortium of John Laing and G T M Entrepose also signals that the Government intends to open up road-building to inter-national competition.

Tolls on the private roads will be set in 1992 and revised in 1995 but thereafter they will he allowed to rise by the inflation rate until the capital cost of the existing and the new bridge has been met.

Mr Parkinson said: "This privately funded proposal of-fers the best overall value for money. The consortium's proposal is for a concession to collect tolls on the crossings for up to 30 years depending on traffic levels. On current forecasts tolls would be needed for only about 21

"The new bridge - which I know is most eagerly awaited on both sides of the Severn would more than double the road capacity across the



The man who had been apparently bound and threatened by other prisoners on the roof of Strangeways, appeared yesterday, giving a cleached first salute

Kidneys-for-sale The new doctor struck off

organizing the Turkish end of the trade, claimed to have information about paid-for transplants carried out by other doctors at another pri-vate hospital in London.

The GMC mid it had been

advised by leading counsel that it would be inappropriate to call any of the Kunters to

After the ruling, Mr James

Wellbeloved, director of the National Kidney Research Fund, said: "The public should now be reassured that

this unethical and scandalous

trade in human organs cannot

happen again." The use by Mr Bewick of a cadaver's kidney

earmarked for an NHS patient

for transplant into a Greek

woman will now be consid-

ered by Camberwell Health

Authority, which had sus-

pended an inquiry pending

The Charity Commission is still investigating the Nat-ional Kidney Centre, a dialy-sis unit in Finchley which Dr

Crockett used as his base until

centre has closed, but Mr John

Cyster, chairman of the trust-

the GMC hearing.

give evidence.

Afterwards, Mr Joyce declined to comment, but Mr Bewick unreservedly acepted the conditions imposed upon his

Dr Crockett told journalists that he had been judged by rules that did not exist at the There was a substantial

difference between people working in "front line" medicine and those protected by the health service, he said. "There are heads of departments who might never see

death looking at them from a hospital bed. I see death looking at me every day."

He added that the press had put great pressures on his family, and he blamed those pressures for a car crash in which his mother-in-law was killed and his wife suffered multiple spinal injuries. His offices in Harley Street had been fire-bombed.

He complained that key witnesses — including Mr Ata Nur Kunter, the so-called had not been called.

Mr Kunter, a former interpreter for Dr Crockett, said he ees, said yesterday: "Now we had been surprised that he had can move forward with a not been called. relaunch of the charity."

Mr Kunter, whose brother The four Turks are ex-was jailed for two years in pected to try to bring civil Istanbul last summer for actions in the British course.

peers

TWO of the 14 peers approved yesterday are former Labour ministers. They are Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, a Transport Minister who was later an EC Commissioner, and Mr Eric Varley, chairman of the Coalite Group Mr Ivor Richard, as a former British ambassador to the UN is expected to become a foreign ffairs spokesman.

The other Labour peers are: Mrs Patricia Hollis, former leader of Norwich City Counris, principal of St David's university college, Lampeter. Mr Richard Holme, an ex-Liberal Party president, joins the Liberal Democrat pears.

The Conservatives are: Mirs Heather Brigstocke, former high mistress of St Paul's girls school, Hammersmith; Mrs Julia Cumberledge, chamman of South West Thames regional health authority; Mrs Shreels Flather, Windsor and Maidenhead councillor, Mrs Diana Eccles, chairman of Ealing district health authority; Mr Richard Cav-endish, chairman of Holker Estate; Mr Malcolm Pearson, executive chairman of the

Lloyds insurance brokers; Dr Ernest Soulsby, professor of

animal pathology, University of Cambridge; and Sir Oulton

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the anguage jungle. Which of the comible definitions is correct? By Phille Howard

Answers on page 22

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Political sketch

Joe's prophecy still being fulfilled

"IT IS a very curious thing." said Joseph Chamberlain in an after-dinner speech te-ported in The Times on March 21, 1892, "the types of the House of Commons are constant, although the men

change."

Taking his speech as our text, let us examine Foreign Office Questions yesterday, to see whether the intervening years have altered its

"I have never known the House of Commons without a funny man. (Laughter) ... When he dies ... there is another immediately to take his place. He is a man with a natural taste for buffoonery

Mr Andrew Faulds (Lah, Warley E) is an ex-Shakespearean actor, resting at Westminster. "Mr Speaker, as to Romania, a country I have not visited recently... (Prolonged laughter, Mr

Oh Mr Speaker! I thought you were going to arrange it for mel" (Shouts of rrange it for me!" (Shouts of John Cartisle (C, Luton N), we will, we will!" from all the last man still desenting sides, more laughter.) Let us what even Pretoria has aban leave this mirth and return to doned, urged Mrs Thatcher dinner with Mr Chamberlain: not to tread where Mr de

"Then there is the House of Commons bore — of course there is more than one (laughter) . . . He is generally a man who is very clever, a man of encyclopaedic information.

Yesterday, Mr Nigel Spear-ing (Lab, Newham S) rose. Will not the minister reconsider his use of the phrase Select Committee on Foreign Affairs about the operation of the Single European Act, HC 82, when I was a witness ...?

Yesterday, Mr Patrick Cormack (Con, Staffs S) lifted his considerable weight from the sedentary position, and cought the Speaker's eye. "Is my Rt Hon Friend aware that in Romania, which I had the chance of visiting recently "There were cries of hear. hear and the rest escapes the memory. Mr Cormack will not mind, for we have remembered the important bit that Mr Cormack bes.

"BEEN THERE DONE
THAT" should be em-

question about Da Vince Mr. Cormack knew him well Does your inquiry country king Zon of a control of the contro Dues your inquiry concern-king Zog of Albania? He was one of Mr Cormack's oldest friends. Are you concerned with the choice of Thruess for the exhibition at the Tate? Mr Cormack was in conversation with the Director only last

You have the foolish man

Yesterday Mr William McKelvey (Lab, Kimaruock & Loudon) sprang to the defence of Fadel Castm. Was it not "bullying" for the United States to broadcast illicitly to Cuba? Was it not the action of "a naked, aggressive cowboy?" Upbelievably the Labour from beach (in the pension of bench (in the person of George Foulkes) joined the call to prevent what he called "tele-aggression" against

... the man with one idea

Klerk himself has modder "it would be irresponsible to see Nelson Mandela" until be has renounced violence. "You have the indepen

Mr Nicholas Budgen (C. Wolverhampton SW) holibed up and down, hoping, as ever, to catch the Speaker's eye to explain where he thinks his the principle of subsidiarity? own party are going witing Has he seen the report of the over the EC. Budgen was once a junior whip but resigned because he disagreed with the Northern Ireland Assembly: a resignation which saved him having to "Then you have the weighty which saved him laving lo, man and, gentlemen, the resign because he disagrees gravity of the weighty man of the House of Commons is a which resignation would in thing to which there is so its turn have saved him from parallel in the world."

Vertextage Mr. Patrick ress of the Chancello's ness of the Chancellor's monetary grip. He was not called yesterday, but left with

> "You have the man who is a ittile cracked. (Laughter.) Yestenday, you had a state ment and questions to

"All these men are there today, were there 50 years ago, will be there 50 years Nay, Joe. 98 years hence.

Matthew Parris

Britain wins car plant

stiff competition from Ger manufacturing, many (writes Kevin Esson).

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generation of high performance engines for GM cars in

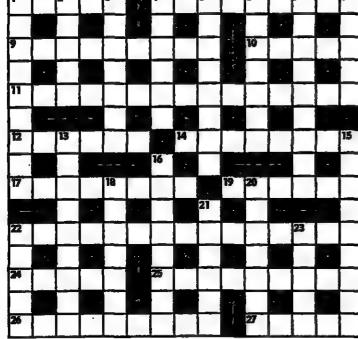
GENERAL Motors is to an a eignificant boost for Britain. nounce today that Britain has as it attempts to maintain its won the battle for a £200 place as the key European

GM was considering Kaisestimatera. West Germany, where it has extensive interests. However the co-opera-Europe, will be at Ellesmere tion of British unions appears.

Port, Merseyside, and employ to have been crucial to the about 400 people. The move is Merseyside decision. tion of British unions appears.

MEDIANIES

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ACROSS

1 Left before the church's recess -

a moral slip (5).

4 Sound profit for Carmen's producer on small royalty (9). 9 Stick together past a junction of

10 Wildcat in Troy (5). 11 It gave a sycophant a masty hangover (5,2,8).

12 Burma's revolutionary measures 14 Beef not available, so have a 17 Fairly roasted when spring ended (4,4).

19 Sea-god's noisy struggle with heavyweight (6).22 Taking pictures of the gods at

short range (8,7).

24 Opera that Oscar Wilde contrib-25 Translucent white flower on Welsh lake returning (9).

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HANSEL SMARTEST 27 Article about an old chief of clan (5).

DOWN

Least suitable Shakespearian re-cruit's call up - that's the limit

Publicity fuse for the Spanish exhibition (5).
Had cine made to show Australian burrowing egg-layer (7). Disembark in, say, rising swell

5 Set up a banking system with a union for 18 (8). 6 Rocky atoll harbouring un-known duck and salamander (7).

7 Barge into Alan Cabot awk-wardly (5,4). 8 Knots sailors should not get en-tangled with (5).

13 Dessert wine Simon the Cellarer set some store by (9). 15 Imagine Frank not in love! (5-4).

16 lodine sister put on friend in flood (8). 18 Song about an aromatic plant 20 Rave about the priest being

dependent (7). 21 Akin to a mosquito, almost the ast of the species (6). 22 The way an artist comprehends universal Hindu aphorisms (5).

23 Another religious book with pic-tures turned up (5).

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have a cloudy start with some rain or sleet. Clear periods will follow but further rain is likely during the evening. Northern England and north Wales will be mostly cloudy with some light rain. South Wales and the rest of England will have a mostly snuny but frosty start. Cloud will increase during the day but the South-east should remain fairly sunny. Outlook: Unsettled. ABROAD



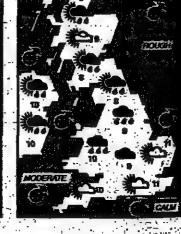
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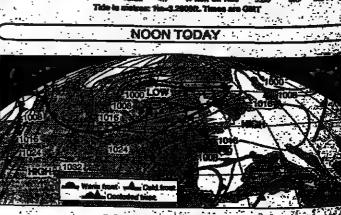
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THURSDAY APRIL 5 1990

Executive Editor David Brewerton

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Builder's profits up

commercial property develop-ments enabled Wilson (Connolly) to preserve its 15growth, despite falls in house prices of up to 30 per cent.

Pre-tax profits rose 2 per cent to £54.2 million in the year to December on sales 19 per cent up at £193 million. Earnings rose 3 per cent to 19.6p and a final dividend of 2.3p (2p) makes 3.45p, up 15 per cent. Tempes, page 26

H&C advances

Harrisons & Crosfield raised pre-tax profits from £123 milion to £130 million in 1989 on turnover of £1.92 billion (£1.8 billion). A final dividend of 5.1p, payable July 2, makes 8.5p (7.7p). Tempns, page 26

ADT issue.

ADT is hoping to offset a big part of its £160 million invest ment in BAA via a £100 million preference share issue, convertible into BAA shares. BAA shares fell 19p to 386p. Comment, page 27

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stock market crash. Mr Boesky was released from a

morning.

METVICES.

G7 to focus on German monetary union



THE fast-developing debate in Germany over the terms on which the East German economy can be inte-grated into the West German is likely to be the main focus of discussions at Saturday's meeting of the Group of Seven, in Paris.

The finance ministers and central bank governors of the seven leading industrial nations are likely to begin their meeting with a review of the world economy in which German unification is one of the main moving factors.

The G7 will want to form a view of whether German monetary union

and how far it may reduce the longstanding international payments imbalance by re-directing German

Ministers are expected to move on from there to consider recent events in the currency markets and the implications of GMU for interest rates and exchange rates. The US is particularly anxious to avoid any further rise in interest rates internationally in view of the intermittent signs of slow-down in the US economy and will be seeking some reassurance from the Germans that GMU will not raise German interest rates.

yen, which is seen as unhelpful in reducing payments imbalances. Other members of the G7 are likely to feel that there is still room to raise Japanese rates further without causing a general rise in rates.

There will also be a further discussion of the proposed European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and events in Eastern Europe generally for which the G7 meeting was originally called.

However, while GMU will be the theme which underlies much of the discussion, ministers and governors from the six non-German countries are not going to Paris with any intention of significantly influencthis subject they will listen.

For the most part finance ministries and central banks do not have any clearly worked out views on how GMU should be accomplished.

The precise terms on which GMU will be achieved are still uncertain. The Bundesbank has proposed an exchange of two Ostmarks for one Deutschmark, but the impression left by Chancellor Helmut Kohl, before the East German elections, was the basis would be one-for-one.

The outcome appears to depend on an internal debate - or power struggle - in the Federal Republic. When the President of the Bundesbank, Herr Karl Otto Pohl,

Woman on the upper deck of business

described one-for-one convertibility as "fantastical", in the week before the East German elections, he was forced to eat his words within a few days. But the Bundesbank has returned to the fray.

Yesterday, the Vice-President Herr Helmut Schlesinger said it was an "illusion" to think that the two marks had to be exchanged one-forone just because they were both called marks. He said: "The GDR was itself aware that it would be too much for the limited productive capacity of the East German economy, if a conversion rate of one-forone was chosen. The GDR was thinking of two-for-one, 2.5-for-one for industrial groups."

NEDC chief concerned over industry

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent

CONCERN that British traditional surplus on ser-industry still suffers from vices, such as banking, inindustry still suffers from poor quality, worse delivery and burgeoning wage demands - despite more than a decade of a Government bent on fostering the "enterprise culture" surfaced at yesterday's meeting of the National Economic Development Council.

The round table forum, which brings together government, industry and the trade unions, was discussing a paper, presented by Mr Walter Ettis, NEDC director general, on the deterioration in the country's trade performance.

policy will narrow the current sories trade in goods and services, by charing demand for imports, while British firms look for more business abroad. The deficit was a record £20.8 billion last year.

Mr John Banham, director of British Industry, told the meeting that the key to improved performance was sus-The paper acknowledged

that exports, excluding oil, had grown by more than 10. per cent over the last year outstripping import growth. But the improvement in exports started from a low base. The collapse of Britain's

The Government is hopeful that its counter-inflationary

Trade Secretary, chairing the session, observed that all The paper looked at five sectors of industry that ac-

year's trade gap - engineering, electronics, construction, clothing and knitting, and tourism and leisure. While high technology sec-tors showed the fastest growth

surance, shipping and travel, was described as "extremely werrying", making improved trade in manufactured goods

But Mr Eltis identified unfavourable developments on the wage front which had slowed the gains in productiv-ity in manufacturing and brought unit wage cost growth to an annual rate of more than 6 per cent, compared with less than 3 per cent for leading competitors abroad. If unit wage costs continue

to grow at the current pace in Britain, with an unchanged exchange rate, industry is seen "urgently needed" switch from some to export markets. Mr Nicholas Ridley, the

participants agreed it was worrying that unit costs were growing faster than those of counted for £15 billion of last

and relatively high valueadded per worker, other mea-sures revealed the old problem

value-added per tonne, which should indicate the proportion of sophisticated gadgetry in a product, machine tools, pumps and farm machinery scored relatively badly against the leading industrial

The sectoral studies showed up a discrepancy in several industries between the specified quality a product ought to have and the actual quality delivered, recalling the time when British industry became virtually synonymous with bad quality and still worse

The retail sector, which has done much to raise quality on the home market, was praised in the report for serving

But it had left British suppliers more vulnerable in certain industries to international competition than producers in countries which are not "nations of shopkeepers."

Mr Robin Leigh-Pember-ton, Governor of the Bank of about the retail sector's effect in sucking in imports. The trade gap, he said, was, how-ever, basically an issue of "excessive demand."

Drawing attention to the international success of Britain's pharmaceutical, aerospace and chemicals industries, he said that the criterion sures revealed the old problem for manufacturing was achiev-of poor quality. In terms of ing "world class."

Nursing ambitions: former NHS trainee Ann Gloag celebrates in the shadow of Florence Nightingale's statue Stagecoach chief wins top title

BUS driver's daughter Ann Glosg is now firmly in the driving seat of her own company - and yesterday she was named Business Woman of

Mrs Gloag, aged 47, started with two old buses, offering a cheap service from Dundee to London. She is now boss of the Stagecoach company that has a fleet of 2,600 vehicles, 8,000 employees worldwide and a turnover of more than

She trained as an NHS nurse before renting caravans first bus for £300.

She wants to buy routes run by the Scottish Bus Group which is being sold off under deregulation legislation and plans to float the company. A private placing in 1988 was over-subscribed by seven Scottish financial companies and shareholders' funds total more than £20 million.

Past winners of the award include Miss Sophie Mirman, the Sock Shop chairman; Miss Debbie Moore, founder of Pineapple Studio; and Miss Anita Roddick, founder of The Body Shop International.

Sun Alliance flooded out

By Nell Bennett, Banking Correspondent

EXECUTION-ONLY STOCKBROKING

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CLAIMS of more than £120 investments increased in Newcastle, New South million from Hurricane Hugo, shareholders' funds by 40 per Wales. caused by the unusually hot summer, cut pre-tax profits of Sun Alliance, Britain's largest general insurer, by 14 per cent

to £319 million last year. The company also warned it faces claims of £220 million from storms and floods this winter, although reinsurance will reduce its liability to £150

lion, £36 million worse than

The company's Australian division met claims of £13 A strong performance from million from the earthquake

in Britain

the company to pay a final claimed £68 million from dividend of 8p, making 12.5p subsidence damage, cutting for the year, up 22 per cent. underwriting profits by 30 per The damage caused by cent to £33 million. The motor Hugo in the Caribbean pushed division lost £28 million as Sun's overseas division to an claims continued to rise. underwriting loss of £65 mil-

Since the storms, Sun has commissioned a team to study whether the world's weather patterns are changing

Tempus, page 26

Rebels lose fight to block £100 million. Accepting the award at the Institute of Directors, Mrs Gloag said that to be a success, £1 buyout at Lexterten "a woman in business has to look like a lady, act like a man and work like a dog."

business which is part of Era Group, was won by the Lexterien management buy-out team yesterday at the end of a heated two hour extraor-

dinary meeting. The proposal to sell Lexterten to its management for a single £1 with £3.9 million of write-offs was voted through by 27 million votes to 14

million against. Mr David Llewellyn, a former managing director of Lexterten who led rebel per cent of Era and who made

MR IVAN Boesky, the arbitrageur who sent Wall Street into a panic in 1986

Mr Boesky completed a two-year term

after having been convicted of corporate

fraud charges. He will have to report to a

But while he is banned from re-

entering the US securities industry he

can exploit a legal loophole to provide

investment services for up to 14 people

provided he does not advertise his

settle charges with the Securities and Exchange Commission, but in some

His conviction in 1986 meant be

avoided the losses which crippled many

of his colleagues in the October 1987

ways the regulator did him a favour.

Mr Boesky paid a \$100 million fine to

probation officer for six months.

THE battle over Lexterten, of people supported us but at Smith was a supporter of Mr the end of the day the institutions swung it," he said.

However, he said he was pleased by the appointment of three new non-executive dir- Era next month but will ectors and the resignation of remain as consultants to the two Era group board mem- group for one year. bers. "The non-executives were our choice," he said. "Board control has been broken and that is a good thing".

Era, which is believed to have been under institutional pressure to strengthen its board, has appointed Mr Ian shareholders speaking for 10 Guinness, Mr Anthony Fay, a chartered accountant, and Mr an alternative offer for Peter Revell-Smith, an invest-Lexterten, said he was dis- ment banker, as non-execappointed by the result. "A lot utive directors. Mr Revell- for 1989.

Liewellyn's proposals.

Mr Pat Hammond-Turner and Mr David Roxburgh will resign as executive directors of

Era, whose accounts have been qualified by its auditors, made pre-tax profits of £631,000 in 1989 compared with £4.59 million in 1988 but an extraordinary write-off of £3.94 million after tax means it made a £4.3 million loss Duncan, finance director of after tax and dividends compared with an after tax profit of £1.4 million in 1988. The company is "technically un-able" to pay a final dividend

to tourists in Scotland. She rented minibuses to road contractors and moved into the coach business, buying her

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Boesky walks free to a multi-million dollar home

Insider back on the outside

From John Durie, New York

Brooklyn half-way house and returned to his 75-acre estate in New York, where his when he pleaded guilty to insider trading, walked out of jail early yesterday wife Seema has been busy preparing for his homecoming.

After completing renovations which included a dome on the top of the multimillion-dollar house, she has been seeking neighbours' permission to erect a 6ft-high chain-wire fence around it. Mr Boesky's lawyers have declined to comment on his future activities, but he

is expected to give evidence against his former friend and junk bond founder Mr Michael Milken. Mr Boesky has spent much of his jail term helping the SEC prepare its case against Mr Milken and other members of

the securities industry. Mr Boesky's admission of guilt, coming soon after admissions by another former Drexel Burnham Lambert executive, Mr Dennis Levine, sent a wave of

fear through Wall Street. The SEC and the US District-Attorney

launched an attack on insider trading which touched even firms with spotless reputations.

But there have been few convictions other than in cases where there has been a guilty plea. The investigation was partly responsible for the demise of Drexel Burnham Lambert, which paid more than \$650

In prison, Mr Boesky immersed himself in religious studies, and these along with a body-building programme, kept him busy.

Much of his time was spent at a

million as part settlement of SEC

minimum-security prison in California where he was able to order meals from outside and keep in touch with the financial community through his daily copy of the Wall Street Journal. Mr Boesky is hated for his key role in

turning state's evidence to inform on his former trading partners on Wall Street.

Property move by Arcadian

By Michael Tate Deputy City Editor

MR ROBERT Breare and Mr Jeremy Priestley, who built up the Parkdale Holdings property and leisure group before selling out to Pavilion Leisure for £67 million last August, are moving in at Westminster and Country Properties.

They are reversing Arcadian International Resorts, their new company, into West-minster, where the Parkes family is relinquishing control by selling 29.9 per cent of the shares, at 205p each, to Mr Breare, Mr Priestley, their associates and a handful of

The Parkes family will re-tain 22.4 per cent of the Westminster equity, but will lose most of their boardroom seats, although Mr David Parkes, with 10 per cent, stays on as executive deputy chair-

Mr Parkes, who also picks up £200,000 in compensation for cancellation of his profitrelated contract, has promised not to sell any shares at below 205p for the next 12 months. News of the deal sent Westninster shares soaring 45p to

70p. Mr Breare becomes chief executive of Westminster and Mr Priestley an executive

Sir Peter Parker, the former head of British Rail and former chairman of Parkdale, moves in as non-executive

Under Mr Breare, Arcadian, formed in December, 1989, has assembled an experience leisure property management team, with a view to developing and running hotels and bountry clubs offering a broad range of golf and other leisure activities, both in Britain and mainland Europe.

It will aim for projects between £10 and £40 million and plans to start work on at least two projects in Europe each year. Negotiations are aiready under way.

TEMPUS

company Hurricane and winter storms fail to cloud Sun Alliance

figures makes! In February, insurance assessors totted up the damage from the winter winds, City analysts were shaking their heads about Sun Alliance. High exposure to UK property, combined with a store refuel to succumb to the lure of hefty reinsurance cover, looked like leading to bad times ahead.

Yesterday's results turned is attractive, none the less. decline in pre-tax profits to £319 million was the mildest pain shown so far in this reporting season by a composper cent increase in the year's dividend to 12.5p, it put the nailed its colours to the mast results at the top end of

Sun's main success was a lower exposure to the US. Hurricane Hugo still accounted for its overseas underwriting loss worsening from £29 million to £65 million. But this failed to dent the underlying strength of UK general underwriting profits, down by only £14 million despite £68 million in hotsummer subsidence claims.

A 22 per cent gain in investment profits to £342 million and a 23 per cent increase in life profits to £38 million were the other factors that shielded the bottom line.

What really impressed the City, however, was the company's solvency margin, the ratio of net assets to annual premium. By the year end this had risen from 93 to 119 per cent, although the worldwide fall in stock markets has since trimmed this to 111 per cent. Compare this to the likes of

Royal Insurance, which trades on barely half that figure. In short, it gives Sun the capital strength for above-average dividend growth in future years, and to meet this winter's damage bill with good

grace if not with case. Sun estimates it will pay out a net £150 million for the

forecasts. As long as there are no further disasters the com-pany should still be capable of a £100 million profit this year. A dividend of 14.5p puts the company on a yield of 6.3 per cent. Sun is not the highest earner in the sector, and there seems little chance for takeover gossip to enliven the situation. Its capital strength

Harrisons & Crosfield

by declaring that it will pursue a progressive dividend policy. For 1989 its payment duly rises 10.4 per cent to an overall 8.5p, though net carn-

ings rose a mere 2 per cent. It was still a transitional year as H&C continues to change its spots from a former plantations group into a more diversified industrial empire. While various divisions were helped by acquisition benefits, and overall pre-tax profits rose by 6 per cent to £130.7 million, higher tax and an increased share base took their toll at the earnings level.

The four core building blocks - chemicals, timber and building supplies, food and agriculture, and planta-tions - remain H&C's bedrock, and further add-ons must be expected as 1990 and 1991 unfold. Even if gearing, set to fall by 5 percentage points to 40 per cent when proceeds from the recent sale of general trading interests come through, has to rise, H&C is not that concerned. Interest cover remains a healthy 7.8 times, and the group is determined that attractive business opportu-

nities will not be passed by. Though H&C's jigsaw puzzle of interests will eventually fall into place, and net earn-



Progressive: David Hopkinson (front), Harrisons & Crosfield chairman, George Paul (left), chief executive, and Bill Turcan, finance director

year of only modest profits growth. Commodity prices remain weak, and certain business areas remain patchy. Others areas are brighter, but even so pre-tax profits of £137 million would only see net earnings at 16.4p a share, to but the shares on a prospective rating of 9.4.

The results to watch for are those for end-December, 1991. Meanwhile the shares,

1990 looks like being another like a Christmas puddding, should be tucked away in a dark cupboard and left to

Wilson

Wilson (Connolly) is about as stable as it is possible for any housebuilder to be. In a year

Free share service for most Argos holders

BAT shareholders who receive fewer than 500 shares in Argos when the company is demerged this week are being given the chance to sell them, free of charge. Of the 142,500

given the chance to sell them, nee of change. Of the 142,500 shareholders in Argos, 107,000 will have less than 500 shares which means that 75 per cent of shareholders will own less than 10 per cent of the company.

Some 57,000 shareholders in Argos will hold less than 200 shares, meaning that 40 per cent will own only 2 per cent. With minimum dealing costs of £20 to £25, the expense for small shareholders can be quite high compared with sale proceeds. Shareholders can make use of the free dealing receiver which has been arranged by Argos's broker. Rowe & service, which has been arranged by Argus's broker, Rowe & Pitman, until 3 pm on May 4.

Sherwood lifts BZW board dividend

ots sank into receivership,

Wilcon still managed to notch up further, albeit modest,

progress. Pre-tax profits edged

million and earnings per share

rose by 3 per cent to 19.6p,

maintaining a 15-year record

of continuous growth.

That said, Wilcon did suffer

in what it describes as the

million from construction.

Although Wilcon's housing

side is currently in slightly better shape than it was 12

months ago, the company gives a warning that 1990 will

not be an easy year. The

results will be more difficult to

forecast than usual and prop-erty profits will be lower in the

first half than they were in

Neverthless, analysts still

expect only a slight setback to profits of £52.5 million and

earnings just a shade lower at 19p this time. As 1989 divi-

dends, up 15 per cent at 3.45p,

were more than five times

covered by earnings, there could well be scope for a

At 159p, the shares are on a

With net debts at only 35

per cent of shareholders's

funds. Wilcon will have no

problem in picking up land jettisoned by more troubled

companies at advantageous

prices. The shares are an

excellent long term invest-ment and will be well worth

prospective p/e ratio of 8, which is quite a premium to

higher payout too.

other housebuilders.

per cent ahead to £54.2

worst housing market since its flotation 25 years ago.
It sold only 1,800 houses, 300 fewer than in 1988. And SHERWOOD Group, the lingerie and lace concern, is raising its final dividend from 3.9p to 5.2p making 7.5p (5.5p) a share. It reported pre-tax profits of £8.13 million (£6.56 million) despite a rise in the average price from £59,000 to £64,500, nargins also narrowed, leaving profits from housebuilding 18 per cent lower at £35.5 million. The gap was made up by a nearly doubled contribufor the year ended December. The higher issued capital meant net earnings were lower at 35.8p (38p) a share. Turnover was £74.3 million tion from property, up from £9 million to £16.7 million, (£47.6 million) and orders and quadrupled profits of £2 for the garments division are

Barciays de Zocte Wedd shared a payout of 64 million last year, an increase of 58 highest-paid director, be-lieved to be Mr David Band £487,000, up 52 per cent, while none of his collea

paid £5.53m

THE top 11 directors at

the chief executive, exmed made less than £245,006. The total boardroom ware bill was £5.53 million, up a third. Pre-tax profits rose by 64 per cent to £54.3 million.

Reuters starts service

REUTERS Holdings has launched Money 2000, an information service for the 24-hour global market in foreign exchange and money. The screen service displays rates contributed by banks and brokers in \$2 countries and quotations for leading instruments in financial futures and options markets

Subscribers contribute prices and information to Reuten and the most recent are shown on multi-contributor and composite displays. Spot and forward rates are inserted on a 24-hour basis for about 120 currencies, as well as for gold and aliver. The service also includes Eurodeposit information.

Jaguar sales in US record called off

261 more than in 1989 and 92 more than in 1986, the previous record first quarter. The Coventry company said it was on course to sell 20,000 cars in the US, its biggest market. It was a recent falling away in US sales that led to Jaguar's decreased profits and the need for a link with Ford.

Smurfit deal

JAGUAR, the maker of JEFFERSON Smurfit luxurious cars, sold a record Group and Waste Manate-4,744 in the US in the first ment Inc of the US will not quarter of 1990. This was form a proposed joint venture to process and market recycled -Smurfit/WMI Recycling Company was expected to have been the world's largest paper-recycling company.
The companies said that subject to market conditions they expected to continue paper sale and brokerase

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SUNALLIANCE

The unaudited Group results for 1989 are as follows:	1989	1988
·	£m	£m
Premium income -		
General insurance	2,475.3	2,252.2
Long-term insurance	810.6	859.6
	3.285.9	3,111.8
General insurance underwriting result .	(63.7)	58.7
Long-term insurance profits	40.5	34.0
Investment and other income	341.8	279.7
Profit before toxation	318.6	372.4
Taxation	90.9	110.3
Profit after toxation	227.7	262.1
Minority interests	12.3	10.4
Profit attributable to shareholders	215.4	251.7
Dividend	99.0	80.9
Profit remined	116.4	170.8
Farnings per share	27.3p	31.9
Dividend per share	12.5p	10.25

TERRITORIAL A	NALYSIS OF GENERAL INSU	RANCE RES	TULTS	
	1989	1989		
	Premium income £m	Under- writing result	Premium income £m	Under- writing result £m
United Kingdom*	1,569.0	1.2	1,428.0	88.1
Europe	365.3	(22,2)	295.0	(9.7)
USA*	262.7	(6.2)	228.3	(1.8)
Canada	63.7	(5.2)	130.9	(4.2)
Australia	109.7	(21.5)	70.7	(2.9)
Other overseas	104.9	(9.8)	99.3	(10.8)
	2,475.3	(63.7)	2,252.2	58.7

SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

which will be held on 16th May, 1990.

The Group's net assets increased by £834m to £2,937m (371p per share) at 31st December, 1989, excluding the value of long-term business. The solvency margin was 119% (1988-93%).

The Directors recommend a final dividend pavable on 2nd July, 1990 of 8.0p per share making a total dividend for the year of 12.5p per share - an increase of 22%. The scrip dividend alternative will again be offered to shareholders.

4th April, 1990

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The above statement is a summary of the year's results. The full audited Report and Accounts will be posted to

shareholders on 23rd April, 1990 and delivered to the Registrar of Companies after the Annual General Meeting,

MMC clears British Steel's £330m takeover of Walker

By Derek Harris Industrial Editor

THE Monopolies and Mergars Commission has cleared British Steel's agreed £330 million bid for C Walker & Sons, the

But it is still waiting for clearance from the European Commission because the Treaty of Paris, drawn up by the European Coal and Steel Community, covers about 80 per cent of the products involved in the bid.

Expectations are that British Steel, led by Sir Robert Scholey, the chairman, will also be given the go-ahead by Brussels whose decision is due shortly, probably this month.

The purchase of Walker, its biggest customer, would be British Steel's first big acquisition since privatization. But it has been stalking other



Sir Robert: Bid strategy quarry on the Continent in line with the Scholey strategy of expansion in Europe, especially in products where value can be added.

Talks are still going on with Klockmer-Werke of West Germany on the possible ac-

division which produces spe-cial sections and welded tube. Such a deal is likely to be used the table sector where British Steel and Walles bid approach to the Jose Maria Aristrain group, Spain's eading producer of structural.

Aristain is likely to command a price of at least £250 million because there are reputedly a number of suitors in the wings for the family-run enterprise.

The MMC report said there was a manimous decision that the takeover of Walker would not be against the public interest in the "non-Paris" products at which it looked. These included reinforcement steels, bright bar, specialist profiles and tubes,

mill products

worth at least £75 million.

There have been reports, so gether would account for 25 far unconfirmed by British per cent of all stockholder Steel, that it has also made a sales, and structural hollow sections where they would hold a 43 per cent market share. But with strong demand for bollow sections, com-British Steel's share of preducer sales and Walker's of stockholder sales have both

> The deal would give British Steel 35 per cent of the Brit-ain's steel stockholding market. But this is a much lower percentage than exists in some continental countries like West Germany and France.

Walker is privately owned. and run by two brothers. Messrs Jack and Fred Walter,

Loan marketing under scrutiny

By Neil Bennett, Banking Corresp

Houses Association has ordered a review of its members' marketing practices after the Government's attack on unsolicited mailing by lending

In his last annual maternent as chairman, Mr John Hod-dell said: "While these comments were not primarily aimed at our members we shall be watching closely the developments of the banks' code of practice and if necessary adjust our own."

The FHA is asking its members to ensure that they take note of its voluntary code of practice. This asks them to "market responsibly and pru-dently" and "ensure that ad-verts are fair and reasonable,"

THE chairman of the Finance although it does not forbid Mr John Major, the Chan-

cellor, gave a warning, in the Budget, to lending institutions to review their unsolicited mailing operations. Mr Hoddell has also said that Britain's lenders face a

difficult year unless interest rates fall substantially. The FHA's figures show that lending to borrowers grew by I per cent to £11.3 billion in the third quarter of last year. Property lending fell by £1 billion to £1.4 billion. Business leasing, however, grew 21 per cent to £6.1 billion.

Mr Hoddell is being re-placed as chairman by Mr Bob Wyatt, chief executive of For-

Telecomputing in accounts 'error'

computing have been sent a second version of its annual reports and accounts. The USM-quoted computer soft-ware group last week fell into a £770,000 pre-tax loss mainly as a result of a change in its accounting policy by the new

Due to what the company described as an "admin-istrative error," the original accounts had been sent out last week with the approval but without the signature of Touche Ross, its accountants.

The only change made to the accounts concerns liabilities arising from a court hearing on March 29, the afternoon the original ac-

THE shareholders in Tele- Telecomputing to cover all the costs associated with its injunction against Mr Bernard Panton, the founder and former chairman of Telecomputing.

The total liability, including Telecomputing's own costs, will not exceed £55,000, a sum which the company said was

The court also ordered an inquiry into damages for Mr Panton, who resigned from Telecomputing last November when Ferrari Holding

29.8 per cent stake. Telecomputing's legal advisers have told at that Mr Panton has no grounds to afternoon the original ac-counts were sent out, forcing of the injunction.

'Shocked' company faces total production stoppage

Waterford workers call all-out strike

By Melinda Wittstock

CRYSTAL workers at Waterford Wedgwood's Irish plant have dealt the troubled company another blow by voting to stage an all-out strike, starting this morning, in protest over cost-cutting

Waterford Wedgwood, which has been locked in battle with its 2,000 crystal workers for more than three months over much-needed measures to reduce costs, said yesterday it was "shocked and disappointed at the unwarranted reaction of the workers."

A last-minute formal meeting between management and the union yesterday afternoon failed to avert the unofficial strike, which is in protest over management plans to introduce longer working hours without pay, raise the retirement

age and stop the "bonanza payment" system for its 500 glass cutters.

The strike, which is certain to result in total production stoppage, comes nine months after the imposition of a twoyear wage freeze and a temporary ending of company pension contributions.

The company, which last month fell into losses of Ir£20.6 million (£19.9 million) for 1989, compared with a lasttime IrC2.7 million pre-tax profit, said urgent action" was needed to keep the troubled crystal business "viable" and ultimately save jobs."

Mr Tony O'Reilly, the Irish-born chairman of HJ Heinz, which with Morgan Stanley, the US investment bank, took a 29.9 per cent stake in the ailing company last month, would not comment on the strike developments. low.

But Fitzwilton, his private holding company, said it remains confident in the Waterford management.

Mr Paddy Byrne, the chief executive, and Mr Howard Kilroy, the chairman, were "away on business" yesteroes.

Both Fitzwilton and Morgan Stanley said at the time of the partial bid that it would take two to three years to complete the recovery process, with Waterford needing to cradicate production bottlenecks by training more glass blowers and cutters. Many were lost in

redundancy package times years ago. Waterford plans to cut costs by £10 million on an annualized basis, while also concentrating on product its clopment and marketing. Britain and US. Stieres fell to to a Val

Tilbury beats its own forecasts with £27.5m

TILBURY Group, the builder and property developer, has reported £27.5 million pre-tax profits for the year to December — about £500,000 more than it forecast last summer when fighting off Lilley's £137 million hostile bid.

Despite the gloom surrounding the construction sector, Mr Mike Bottjer, Tilbury's managing director, said trading in the current year had made a promising start.

Operating profits from con-struction rose from £5.66 million to £8.55 million, about £1 million more than had been indicated at the time of the bid. However, the bulk of the £1.1 million benefit of applying SSAP 24 - the new accounting standard on pen-sions - occurred in this division, which explained most of the difference. The contribution from property and housebuilding rose from £7.77 million to £17.1 million, in line with the forecast.

Interest on Tilbury's cash pile was £700,000 better than anticipated at £1.8 million and earnings per share were up 88 per cent at 91.9p — 1.5p higher than forecast. The final dividend — up 8.1p at 22p — was as promised, leaving the total 94 per cent ahead at 32p. Mr Bottjer said that he had

had no discussions with either Lilley or with John Govett, the fund manager, which have respectively held 29.9 per cent and 14.1 per cent of the equity since the bid fell through. Mr Bottier said that he was not looking over his shoulder all the time.

Mr Bottjer said Tilbury had held talks with Holzmann, the German construction group, about possible joint ventures. It was "a sensible company with sensible strategies which Tilbury knew."

He would not comment on



Rarth-moving: Mike Bottjer reports Tilbury's forecast-topping \$27.5 million profit

Press speculation that he was strengths in the civil engineer-trying to persuade Holzmann ing and specialist contracting ing and specialist contracting to make Lilley an offer for its fields, as well as its Scottishbased housebuilding activities Despite the uncertain mar-ket conditions, Tilbury said its by its property development

well placed for the future. value of a site at Linwood, ever, Tilbury has already sold bought for only £6.1 million 15 acres, to be used by Asda, last year, lay behind Lilley's for £11 million.

programme, ensured it was unwillingness to raise the well placed for the future. terms sufficiently to ensure Disagreement over the the success of its bid. How-

Solicitor charged under | Cluff to pay maiden 1p

Under Section 47 it is an offence to make false state-ments which may influence

Mr Isaacs is charged that on or before December 15, 1989, he enacted or engaged in a ated a false or misleading impression as to the market in, or value of, an investment thereby inducing any person to acquire, dispose, subscribe

CLUFF Resources, the Africaorientated gold mining and in Zimbabwe, and is additionexploration group, is paying a
maiden dividend of 1p a share
and is to graduate from the
USM to a full stock exchange
Other operations include oil

Pre-tax profits for 1989
were £2 million (£1.19 million) on a turnover of £16.75
million (£6.00 million). million (£6.09 million). Gold production from Zimbabwe rose from 23,200 ounces to 70.200 ounces.

Cluff is examining diamond

pected to be 80,000 ounces. A £1 change in the world gold price has an £80,000 impact on Chuff's profits line.

Brands exchange | by food groups

By Derek Harris Industrial Editor

DALGETY, the Homepride and Spillers foods and agribusiness group, is swapping its Memory Lane Cakes division for the Greens baking mix and Hammonds sauce businesses of Grand Metropolitan Foods Europe (GMFE), part of the

Grand Metropolitan group.

Dalgety is paying GMFE a
cash adjustment of about £2.5 million in taking on Green and Hammonds, which GMFE acquired when Grand-Met purchased Pillsbury.

Both sides say they are gaining. GMFE's chief exec-utive, Mr Mike Hodgkinson, reckons that with Memory Lane his cakes business will be vying to be miniber one in Europe with RHM, whose leading hrand is Mr Kipling. In the UK alone RHM is clear market leader with Lyons, part of Allied Lyons, at number two and GMFE third.

GMFE's existing cakes and frozen gateaux business includes Fleur de Lys and Kaysens in the UK, Goldstein in Germany and France's Brossard, the Continent's leading brand. To the existing GMFE cake turnover of about £145 million will be added Memory Lane's £35 million.

Memory Lane Cakes has factories at Cardiff and Warrington which as well as turning out traditional cakes produce chilled items, such as cream gatemy, for retailers like Marks and Spencer.

Greens, with an annual turnover of £19 million, provides Dalgety with the market leader in pre-packed baking mixes. Its Homepride division has flour and mixes whose brands include Pearce Duff, Granny Smith and Royal.

The mixes market has been shrinking in volume but with product innovation has been growing in value by about 4 per cent a year.

There is a range of Homepride casserole sauces but Hammonds will be Dalgety's first entry into the expanding table sauce market, worth about £120 million a

year andgrowing at about 5
per cent annually.

Hammonds has its strongest brand presence in the
North of England, being
based, like Greens, in Yorkshire. But it is also a supplier to the catering trade and produces own-label ranges.

Mr Maurice Warren. Dalgety's chief executive, said:
"We look to growing the Hammonds brand which brings us a secure entry into

Two minutes' silence for the Severn Bridge

executive, has taken a well-deserved holiday from his normal routine of hyper-activity. Perhaps the five-a-side contractors have tricked him into the hole and he has yet to find a way out. Possibly, the two sides may even have decided that megaphone negotiation is hardly the way to inspire confidence in the most important civil engineering project being undertaken this side of the millenary. Maybe everybody has a sore

throat. Whatever the reason, the hush has descended at exactly the right moment for Cecil Parkinson, Transport Secretary. Among a package of ideas for privately funded roads yesterday, he slipped in the news that the second Severn Bridge is to be built by the Anglo/French consortium Laing/GTM Entrepose. The short list was already down to two and the all-British team of Trafalgar House and BICC was left in the profitless position of runner-up. It would be hard to imagine a non-French consortium being awarded a similar contract in France, but that is the problem of the French, not ours.

Much has been learned from the mistakes of the structure of the Channel tunnel. The basic problem, which has led to all the blood and thunder, is that on one side were the builders, the 10 contractors, five British, five French, who deviced the project. Their only payoff is the profit they can make from construction, for the fruits of operation fall to Eurotunnel, which in turn wants the project built as cheaply as possible. levels.

welcome hush has fallen over the The new infrastructure projects are all A affairs of Eurotunnel. It may be on the BOOT principle — build, own, that Alastair Morton, the chief operate, transfer (at the end of the concession) - which gets away from that fundamental conflict.

Three sets of tender documents were issued yesterday to the successful prebidders for the Birmingham Northern Relief Road where a decision is expected later this year. Also up for competition is a new road between Birmingham and Manchester and a clutch of other projects. There is a great deal of interest in the private sector in building privately financed roads and the civil engineering industry will be licking its lips at the new projects potentially on offer. One potential disincentive is being removed, in that where a scheme which wins a competition and is endorsed as being in the public interest subsequently fails to gain approval after the public inquiry, the promoter will be entitled to compensation related to his abortive costs.

The next stage of development of privately funded infrastructure industry, which is still in its infancy, will be greater involvement of companies likely to use the projects: the road transport industry in roads and bridges, for instance. Ultimately, the key to the success of the projects will be in their management and the regulatory environment under which prices and standards are set and the level of interest rates under which the funding takes place. And on that basis, what are bankable propositions with base rates at 15 per cent should turn into gold mines when rates retreat to more modest

Ashcroft's puzzling ploy When it comes to muddying share purchases, and yesterday's dip in the BAA price improves Ashcroft's the BAA price improves Ashcroft's

waters, Michael Ashcront has few peers. The more he does, and says, the less the market appears to understand. His latest ruse, aimed at refinancing the larger slice of his £160 a meeting of BAA shareholders.

Kind words about BAA's performance are more scarce than Ashcroft's million investment in BAA, was greeted with a mixture of disappointment and bewilderment.

Disappointment, reflected in a 19p drop in the BAA share price, for those punters who have piled into BAA in the hope that Ashcroft's manoeuvres would lead to some early showdown, and be-

wilderment by just about everyone else.

Typically, the ADT statement is terse. The group, it says, will seek to raise £100 million through preference shares that will convert into BAA shares. Precise terms may not be known until next week, but the stock is likely to carry a coupon of about 8 per cent, and convert at a premium of 16 to 19 per cent.

It is not a novel move. Effectively ADT cedes its right to any premium in the BAA share price in return for a significant reduction in its own carrying costs. At the same time, as Ashcroft would say, all ADT's options are open. Among those options are further

FOUR CORE

mance are more scarce than Ashcroft's friends in the City, but the management benefits from the protection of the Government's golden share, and, more infuriating to Ashcroft, the company's own articles of association, which prevent any investor holding more than 15 per cent of the equity. It is this hurdle ADT needs to overturn, before it sets to work on Mr Parkinson at the Department of Transport.

The size of the ADT investment speaks for Ashcroft's commitment to this cause. Such, however, is his perception in the City that it is hard to resist the thought that his proposals would stand a better chance if promoted by almost anyone other than ADT - a point that appeared to be underlined as his brokers began trying to get the issue away last night.

£130.7m

David Brewerton

Financial Services Act By Our City Staff POLICE investigating sudden a firm of solicitors based in movements in the share price Regent Street, central London.

of Williams Holdings, last November, yesterday charged Mr Martin Charles Isaacs, a solicitor, with an offence share prices. under Section 47 of the Financial Services Act.

Mr Issacs, aged 33, of 19 London, has been bailed to appear at Bow Street Magistrates' Court on April 25,

Until two months ago Mr issacs worked as a partner with Walsh Lawson Fireman, or underwrite this investment.

and obtain full listing

By Colin Campbell, Mining Correspondent

prospects in Australia, plat- at 92p.

The shares traded 1p lower

End of the game for Serif Cowells

The craze for Trivial Pursuit seems to be over. Pre-tax profits at Serif Cowells, which makes the board game, fell from £6.32 million to £3.66 million last year on sales of £63.6 million, down from £67.5 million. Earnings per thare fell from 16.9p to 9.4p and the dividend for the year has been cut from 6p to 3.5p.

There was an extraordinary debit of £1.68 million due to the closure of the book and colour division at WS Cowell, the printing business, which lost £590,000 last year.

Mr Alan Brooker, chair-man, said Serif had given warning a year ago that the sales and profitability of Trivial Pursuit would decline sig-nificantly in 1989, and al-

The company shipped more than 2 million Trivial Pursuit games last year and is finalizing contracts to manufacture the game for the next few years. It does not intend to continue marketing the game.

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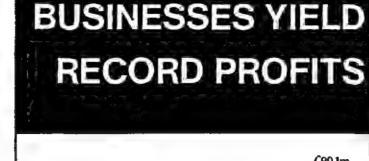
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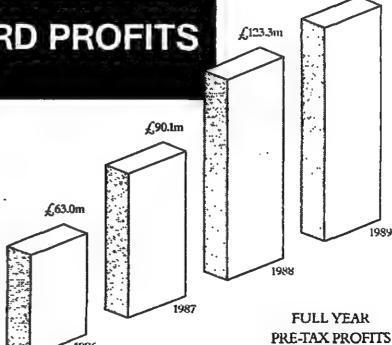
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Serif sold 1.25 million games of Pictionary last year and has gained the British li-

Spottiswoode Ballantyne, the printing company acquired in May, performed a difficult year for Kemps, the now beginning to show pos-

The shares fell 4p to 96p on





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"We have concentrated our resources in areas with the greatest potential for growth?" (David Hopkinson, Chairman)

Harrisons & Crosfield plc



The fax and the fiction

ONE of the most pathetic attempts at a share price ramp since someone in a south London Post Office tried to persuade me the Japanese were buying British Steel lands on my desk. Addressed to the "Finacial Editor" (sic) of The Times, and sent through on someone's cheap Amstrad home fax machine, it claims to give the inside track on a forthcoming bid from Mel Morris's West Industries market capitalization less than £6.5 million - for Mecca Leisure, valued at £224 million although falling fast after Tuesday's lousy figures. The link is claimed to be Robert Earl, a shareholder in West and in Mecca and in charge of the latter's US operations. This "junk fax" is riddled with the usual misconceptions and hysterical accusations. Assuming it went elsewhere and these things almost aiways do - the market has given it pretty short shrift, as Mecca shares dropped another 5p to 72p. Good thing, too.

Ill advised

THE Australian approach to first aid: the latest diary from ANZ McCaughan contains a useful section at the back on medical emergencies. "The following are universally practised procedures for the initial treatment of some common injuries and ailments," it says. Collapse: Shake the victim and shout, 'Are you all right?""



MR DAVID Dome, clostresses such he is eligible for the BAT

Abbey returns ALL those frustrated almostshareholders who were grinding their teeth to the Abbey National's "Abbey Endings" television advertisement produced to reinforce warm feel-

summer's flotation will be

we call him Liffeltom or Ltourliffe?"

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

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Return to sender

of Argos, is about to sit right facility ter. Unlike the chap in the love but as a BAT small shareholder he is about to find himself the recipient of lower than 500 Argos shares when the demerger of Argos from DAT is fimilized this week. As

ings for the Abbey after last

award. The black and white commercial featured a group of children and Lionel Bart's sentimental theme and was voted the "Best Theme from a TV/Radio Commercial" in the Ivor Novelio Awards, esented annually by the British Academy of Songwriters, Composers and Authors. Such was the ill feeling at the failure to deliver the share certificates on time that the Abbey had to repeat the campaign in the autumn when most shareholders had received replacement certifiaward - presumably paid for from the £15 million which mishandling the issue.

poll tax prices."

Putting up shutters FUNNY bunch, Sun Alliance. This column has occasionally

pointed out the many silly things company chairmen will do to get their pictures in the newspapers. But this composite insurer is quite the opposite. Requests for photos of Roger Neville, the chief excontive, or Henry Lambert, the chairman, were stonewalled yesterday as the group published a perfectly respectable set of results. "There's no problem - it's not something we do as a matter of course, said Arthur Hayes, general manager responsible for planning and development. Why not? "I haven't really thought about it - I thought it was only the (and here he named a certain downmarket newspaper) or the tabloids who womied about pictures."

Stakes building

AS YOU place your bets on the Grand National this Sat urday, spare a thought for Richard Heyman, director of Morgan Grenfell's corporate finance arm, who will be jumping the same fences at Aintree the day before. Richard is entering the amateur cates. It will get another airing Foxhunter Stakes on his home this weekend to celebrate the Copper Fastener, former Copper Fastener, former owner the Duchess of Westminster, also at one time the Abbey received in com- owner of Arkle. Richard says pensation from Lloyds Bank's that with a third and a second Registrary for their part in so far this year, the charts point only one way. But he SIGN in a Hampstead corner shop: "Never to be repeated... Easter eggs at pre-

Martin Waller

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By Martin Waller

£9.07m

PICKWICK Group, the vidcos and records distributor, is raising £9.07 million net in a one-for-five rights issue its first since its April 1987 flotation, to pay for a move into the French market and to fund further expansion.

Pickwick's 20 per cent shareholder, Pearson, has agreed to take up its rights. The bulk of the rest of the issue, at 200p, is underwritten. Pickwick shares lost 7p to

227p on the news.

The group is buying New Trade International, a Parishased distributor of albums, cassettes and compact discs, for Fr13.8 million (£1.48 million) cash, £164,000 in new shares and a deferred considcration of up to £2.22 million. The move presages a move into the German market for Pickwick, which last year bought a distribution business

The balance of the rights issue will be used to fund future growth and leaves the group with no borrowings. As a result of the acquisition, the rights and the consequent interest savings, analysts have raised their forecasts for Pickwick from £5.8 million to £7 million in the current year.

Profits up at aerosol company

by Philip Pangalos

SWALLOWFIELD, the manufacturer of ozone-friendly acrosols which came to the USM in October, 1988, lifted pre-tax profits by 11.6 per cent to £2.14 million in 1989 on turnover up 12.5 per cent to £16.2 million.

There is a final dividend of 3.4p, making 5.6p (3p). Earnings per share slipped from 14.6p to 14.4p as the number of shares in issue has

is Mr Terry Organ, the chairman, said 1989 was a difficult year in the retail sector as higher interest rates dampesed consumer demand. He said the results showed a

solid performance against this Swallowfield's gearing in-cressed to 92 per cent. Mr

Organ said 1990 would not be

an easy year in which to make profits, but the board expects

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Pickwick AB Electronic cuts Group jobs as interim tumbles to £5.4m

By Melinda Wittstock

UP TO 200 jobs are to be lost at AB Electronic Products, the Welsh electronic component manufacturer, which also announced a further slide in

The Northampton plant is to be closed in an effort to "remain competitive" in the face of a declining defence

AB is to incorporate the Northampton plant into its main Abercynon site, in South Wales, as a result of a slowdown in demand for its military connectors. Of the 220 workers at the Northampton plant, which AB acquired from Plessey in 1987, between 10 per cent and 15 per cent of them will be offered the opportunity to relocate to. Abercynon.

Mr Peter Phillips, the chairman, said he was "sad" about the decision to close the plant, but said that in the present competitive climate, it was crucial that the company reduce its cost base.

He said the plant closure, which will save it about £3 million in costs, does not signal a move away from defence operations. AB will retain all its defence product

News of the redundancies sion due to shortages of key came as AB announced a slide materials such as microchips, in pre-tax profits for the six leading to an inefficient utilizmonths to end-December to £5.4 million from £7.04 million in the previous year. the assembly division, which Turnover was up 26.6 per cent to £122.95 million, with substantial customers, have operating profits falling only slightly from £6.98 million to £7.07 million. The interest change increased from £36,000 of its aniomotive product



Review: Peter Phillips of AB Electronic Products

interim dividend is unchanged at 4p. Mr Phillips blamed the fall in profits on a further slackening of demand for its micro-electronic products, combined with operating problems in the assembly products divi-

ation of plant and equipment.
But he said the problems in

which increased its to £1.62 million. group, which increased its Earnings per share are down profits and sales, particularly from 17.8p to 13p, while the in Germany. Its expanding

telecommunications group, which makes cordless telephones, also improved its performance. Mr Phillips said this division is to take advantage of opportunities in cable and satellite television.

The group has also begun a "strategy review," in which disposals of some of its six divisions will be considered. "We need to be a worldwide company to service our automotive customers, and that means R&D, capital expen-diture. It could be that we do not have the resources to be able to do this with all our product divisions."

More cost-cutting is also on the cards, with AB planning to improve efficiency at its exist-

Recovery | to £4.92m for Ash

> & Lacy By Philip Pangalos

THE shares in Ash & Lacy, the West Midlands engineering group, advanced by 15p to 113p after a recovery in second-half profits.

Pre-tax profits climbed from £4.85 million to £4.92 million in the year to December 29, despite an 8 per cent fall at half time, on turnover up 12.4 per cent at £61.5

Earnings per share were unchanged at 13.29p, but the final dividend is improved to 3.9p (3.5p), making 6.4p

(6.0p) for the year. Mr David Fletcher, chairman, said the company had a poor first half because margins narrowed on galvanizing after an increase in zinc prices. Margins recovered in the second half as prices came back

An extraordinary charge of £865,000 relates to a deficit on last May's sale of Huurral, a 50 per cent owned cladding manufacturer, which made operating losses of £123,000 (£372,000 loss) in the period, and a shortfall on the disposal of the building products di-vision to Conder Group for £2.9 million.

There were improved performances from galvanizing, which contributed about £2.9 million to operating profits on sales of about £25 million, and non-ferrous stockholding which made profits of about £1.5 million on sales of about £15 million.

Ash & Lacy Perforators, one of Europe's largest producers of perforated and expanded metal, had static operating profits at about £600,000, on sales in the region of £12

million.
The company's properties have been professionally revalued at £14.45 million (£7.34 million), and assets per share rose 37 per cent to 104p. The Guinness trial

Saunders 'wanted Roux to be more co-operative'

GUINNESS management consultants became "piggy in the middle" as a rift grew be-tween Mr Ernest Saunders, the chairman, and Mr Olivier Roux, the finance director, the takeover of Distillers, Southwark Crown Court heard ves-

Bain & Co, the consultant which made more than £1 millions a month from its Guinness account, was threatened that the relationship would be "damaged" unless Mr Roux, seconded to Guinness from Bain, was persuaded to become more co-

operative. Mr David Hoare, a former Bain vice-president, told the court that things came to a head when Mr Saunders and Mr Roux took opposing views on who should represent Guinness during the Department of Trade probe into the £2.7 billion bid.

He said Mr Saunders telephoned him on December 18, 1986, to discuss the situation.

He said: There were two inquiry. particular topics. The first was that Saunders had wanted me to spend time with Roux and to influence and persuade him to co-operate to a greater extent in dealing appro-priately with the DTI.

"Secondly, he suggested that unless we made significant progress at some time in the future, Bain involvement might be damaged in some

Mr Hoare said he tried to teli Mr Saunders that Mr

The court has heard how Mr Roux was later to allege irregular payments were made during the bid, and implicated Mr Saunders. Mr Roux gave evidence in the early days of he felt the appointment of Sir



Saunders: 'rift with Roux' the hearing after being given

mmunity from prosecution. Mr Hoare told of a "tense" Tom Ward, a Guinness director, and Mr Roux over the issue of representation at the inquiry. He said Mr Ward suggested a conflict of interest arose in Freshfields - then Guinness's solicitor — continuing to act, and that Sir David Napley, of Kingsley Napley, should replace the firm for the

"Roux was very forcible in objecting to the appointment of Sir David, who, he said at Sir David was appointed, be would no longer work with Guinness, said Mr Hoare.

Asked why Mr Roux did not trust the solicitor, he said Mr Roux's only comment was that Sir David had asked him to misrepresent an issue he

believed not to be true, Mr Hoare added later: "My the second issue, he said Mr saunders should speak to more senior Bain months. sponsibility for the Guinness perspective, in case he should be put in a negative light." Mr Hoare said he, too, told

Mr Saunders the next day that

he returned to Bain to find Kingsley Napley had taken

over the case. Cross-examined by Mr Richard Ferguson, QC, defending Mr Saunders, Mr Hoare admitted be did his best to get Mr Saunders and Mr Roux together but he was

piggy in the middle." Mr Ferguson asked: "You wanted the issue resolved so Guinness could have a common front, but your efforts were thwarted by equal resistance on the part of Saunders and Roux?" Mr Hoare replied: "Absolutely correct."

He admitted even before meeting with Saunders, Mr December 1986 the relationship between the pair had been difficult but denied Mr Saunders had complained of a lack of information from Mr Roux on finance.

Mr Ferguson asked about other areas Mr Saunders complained of Mr Roux before December. Mr Hoare said: The work style of Saunders and Roux in some respects is different

"Saunders is a man who will leave no stone unturned, that meeting, he did not trust, and he made it quite clear to with the most critical issues Saunders and Mr Ward that if and dealing with those thor-

oughly.
"There was also a time commitment. Saunders felt Roux was not prepared to spend the time he himself was

spending." Mr Saunders, aged 54; Mr Gerald Ronson, Heron Corporation chief, aged 50; Mr Anthony Parnes, a stockbroker, aged 44; and Sir Jack Lyons. the financier, variously deny 24 charges including theft, false accounting and breaches of the Companies Act. The prosecution alleges an illegal share support operation was mounted to ensure victory in the bid for Distillers.

The trial continues today.

Profits at Butler Cox surge 43% to £1.32m

a final dividend of 3.50; making 5.25p for the year. Group revenue increased by

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Mr Cox added that Feb-

24 per cent to £9.37 million, with 37 per cent coming from oversess. Management con- the company in a strong sultancy accounted for 54 per position in the field of cent of the group's revenue, management education improving 25 per cent to £5 European marketplace.

BUTLER Cox, the manage-million. Cash at year-end ment consultancy specializing stood at £2.7 million and in information technology and overall interest gains jumped which came to the market last by £201,000 to £254,000.

May, lifted pre-tax profits 43
per cent to £1.32 million in the year to end-December.

Earnings per share rose by 60 per cent to 16.43p. There is and successful year which is particularly pleasing in this first year as a publicly-quoted

ruary's acquisition of Crantield IT Institute, placed management education in the

Danger of direct

debits INCREASING numbers of companies and local authorities are trying to persuade their customers to pay their bills by direct debits. These allow them to take money from the accounts of their customers, but can cause difficulties when the accountbolder tries to cancel.

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be unable to stop payments being taken from their ac-counts by retailers even when they have cancelled goods or the service for which they

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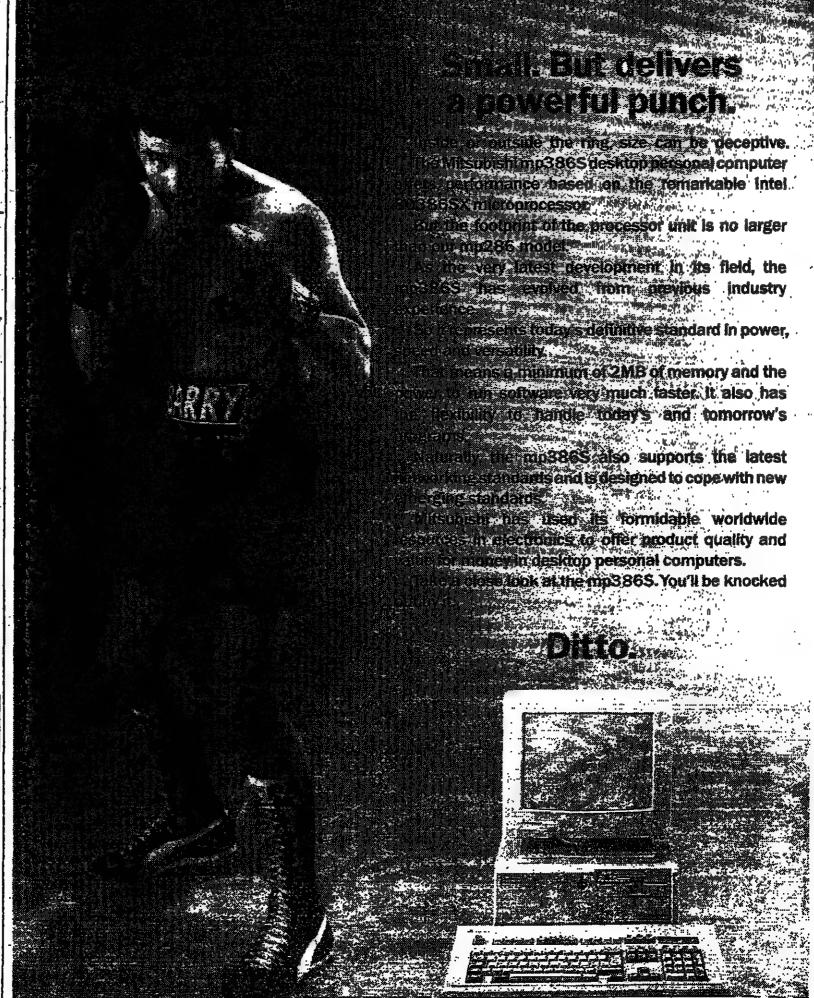
Also under scrutiny are the returns from guaranteed in-come bonds, deferred interest loans and the potential for windfall gains from building

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Selling knocks Queensway

sway hit a low as the sorry plight of the furniture retailer continued. The price lost another 1/2 to just 21/2.

Dealers reported selling of the shares, which has forced market-makers into further defensive markdowns. This has made it difficult for those investors who took up February's £35 million rights issue at 5p a share to sell stock. The spread - the difference between the bid and offer price is now 1p. The best which the sellers could hope to obtain last night was 24p a share less than half the rights issue

Lowndes was a buyout from Harris Queensway in 1988. The shares were floated at 100p but then fell sharply as the rise in interest rates hit consumer spending and took its toll of profits.

presentation.

BAA Group fell 19p to 388p, worried that Mr Mich-

In an attempt to stop the rot, the group arranged an £18.5 million rights last Octo
Dealings are due to start ber at 20p a share and a further issue at 5p in February. The price has continued to lose ground ever since. The com-pany says trading remains tough with sales below budget. But talk of a 50 per cent drop at least 4 per cent of the in sales is thought unlikely. Shares which belong to Figures next month are ex-

pected to make grim reading.

The rest of the equity market made a firm start, encouraged by the overnight rally on Wall Street. But rises were not held with prices drifting on lack of follow-through and worries that Tokyo would suffer another 1,000-point fall today. The FT-SE 100 index ended 9.1

Profits at

KCA slip to £2.1m

KCA Drilling, the oil services company, reported pre-tax profits of £2.1 million for

1989, down from £2.8 million. Turnover slipped to £23.21 million (£26.48 million) and

earnings per share from 3p to 2.11p. These declines reflected

the reduced scope of two North Sea contracts. No dividend will be paid

"in view of the current climate in the oil industry." KCA is

now 51 per cent owned by Outline Ltd, controlled by the

Norwegian Blystad shipping and drilling family.

Exploration dip

The Exploration Company of Louisiana, an oil and gas group, reported a fall in pre-tax income to \$1.12 million

for 1989, against \$2.21 million, having been affected by

exceptional costs. Income per

share was halved to I cent.

Once again, there is no

Boustead, the international

trading and industrial group, hoisted taxable profits by 32 per cent to £5.1 million in 1989 and is paying a 1p final dividend, lifting the total from

1.1p to 1.5p. Eps were up 30 per cent to 4.8p.

Friendly ahead

Friendly Hotels made pre-tax

profits of £5.04 million (£3.17

million) last year on sales of

£26.6 million (£20.9 million).

Eps rose from 17.1p to 21.5p

and the final dividend is 2p, making 3.35p (2.7p).

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Herring jump

down at 2,231.6 with the turnover of 505 million shares boosted by bed-and-breakfast deals to establish year-end tax losses. The FT index of 30 shares shed 11.6 at 1,749.7. The fall in the FT-SE 100

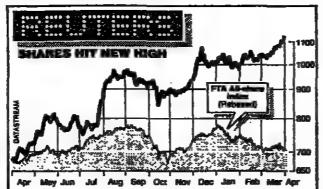
might have been greater but for heavy trading in the fa-tures market. The June con-tract touched 2,280 at one stage. Government securities took their cue from a stronger pound, sporting gains of up to

£¼ at the longer end.

Among the leaders,
SaithKlise Berlam, which
sold its Bovril, Marmite and
Ambrosia food brands for
£157 million this week, firmed 11/20 to 5031/20. Analysis and fund managers complained that the company had little new to say at yesterday's

tomorrow in Argos which is being floated off by BAT Industries. Last night, dealers were talking of an opening price of up to 210p. But London will have to absorb are forced sellers.

stopped adding to its holding. He already has a 9 per cent stake, worth £150 million, and has decided to launch a £100 million bond, convertible into BAA shares. Dealers say the proceeds will help to ease the financing costs of ADT's orig-



Tuesday night and it seems to

have been well received. The

profits from the new system

are expected to start flowing

through within a matter of months. But London's bullish

stance will add to the prob-

lems of New York traders who

are believed to have gone

short of 12 million Reuters'

Dealers reported demand for Saatchi & Saatchi, the

ency. Mr Robert Louis

Dreyfus, the chief executive, was said to have

the price, unchanged at 127p, the meeting was

waremarkable.

met Warburg Securities to outline his plans. Judging by

shares last month in the hope

of buying them back cheaper.

Merrill Lynch, the US securi-

ties house, is believed to have

awarded the shares a triple-A

rating following the

troubled advertisio

ceived the thumbs-down from a number of institutions. ADT has been arguing that BAA's articles of association be altered to allow shareholders to own a maximum of 15 per cent of the company.

Merca Leisure continued to reel from Tuesday's disappointing figures and news of soaring debts, ending a further 7p lower at 70p - a two-day loss of 40p.

AB Electronics slipped lp to 261p after reporting a fall in pre-tax profits from £7 million to £5.3 million. The group plans to shed 200 jobs.

Reuters, the international news agency and financial information group, enjoyed another bout of institutional support after the start of dealings on Wall Street, climbing 16p to £1 1.59 following the launch of its Money 2000 screen-based trading system, designed for use on the world's foreign exchange markets.

Hickson International, the The group gave a presentation for analysts in the City on

197p as bid hopes evaporated following the disposal of Mr Jack Delall's 13 per cent stake The placing was handled by Smith New Court, the broker, and the stake was almost four times overaubscribed.

It has been a busy time lately for Smith, one of the few publicly quoted securities houses, which this week placed the Hong Kong govern-ment's remaining 3.7 per cent stake in Hong Kong Telecom, 58 per cent owned by Cable and Wireless, down 7p at 520p. The Smith share closed st night 7p higher at 86p.

Westminster & Country Properties leapt 65p to 170p on the news of a boardroom reshuffle and the sale of a big stake in the company. Members of the controlling Parkes family have sold 995,000 shares, or 29.9 per cent, at 205p each. Part of the holding has been picked up by two former Parkdale directors, Mr Robert Breare and Mr Jeremy Priesticy, who have been ap pointed to the board.

Shares in Rex Williams, the troubled leisure company headed by the boxing promoter Mr Frank Warren, were suspended at 10p, pending an announcement. The shares have been under a cloud since Mr Warren was shot last year.

Courtwell, the clothing group, fell %p to 1p. The company is being forced to write down the value of many of the assets of Leisure Investments and to make substantial provisions for losses and eorganization costs.

WORLD MARKETS

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Dow up in opening dealings

THE Dow Jones industrial average rose by 6 points to 2,742.71 in early trading Shares were narrowly mixed with blue chips slightly ahead but the broad market little changed. Profit-taking countered buying which came after Tuesday's 36-point raily. Fall-

ing and rising shares were about evenly matched. Philip Morris was top of the list of active shares, rising % to 41. Some other briskly-traded sh. some other briskly-traded shares were American Express, up % to 26½, General Electric, up % to 655% and Upjohn Co, ahead % to 38½.

Tokyo — The Nikkei index lost 316.78 points, or 1.10 per cent, at 28,442.94. Prices closed down but off their lows as bearish nerves affected the as bearish nerves affected the Fears that some groups

speculating in the market are facing financial difficulties aggravated a general uneasiness that the market has not touched bottom. Prices of companies in which they are believed to have invested fell. ● Frankfurt — The DAX in-dex closed 5.08 lower at 1,963.25.

• Hong Kong — The Hang. Seng index slid 1.57 to 2,960.88. The broadly-based Hong Kong index ended 0.47 down at 1,946.62. ● Sydney — The All-Ord-inaries index finished 11.4 up

at 1,516.8. • Singapore — The Straits Times industrial index fell

Michael Clark 12.91 to 1,543.01. (Remer)

Ocean increases pay-off after rise to £47.1m

By John Bell, City Editor

OCEAN Group is reaping the mental services operations restructuring over the past three years with strong growth in all three divisions. Profits, dividends and earnings per share all forged ahead.

When Mr Nicholas Barber, hief executive, took over in 1986, the group, then called Ocean Transport and Trading, had 70 per cent of its business in shipping and fuel distribu-

All of these activities have since been sold. The reshaped company now trades in freight, environmental and

marine services. climbed 22 per cent to £47.1 million, while earnings per share were 24 per cent ahead at 28.ip. The board recom-mends a final dividend of 9.19p per share, making a total for the year of 13.43p, a rise of

15 per cent. Trading profit in freight and distribution services rose almost 30 per cent to £25.1 million. The group has recently won the business of ICI, Britain's largest single account. in the sector. Favourable exchange rate movements, and 1988 acquisitions boosted the

division's organic growth.

HANOVER Druce, the estate

agency and property manage-

ment company, saw its shares Yo-Yo 38p after a profits warning that the year to

February 1990 would show a

pre-tax loss of about £2.25

million compared with a pre-

tax profit of £2.14 million. The final dividend is to be cut.

The shares fell from 88p to

ported trading profits higher by more than 50 per cent at £7 million. The group's chain of environmental testing lab-oratories in the US has been increased through acquisi-

Marine services contributed £15.8 million at the trading level, a rise of 30 per cent. Interest charges fell sharply,

by £5 million to £1.8 million, thanks to the impact of the sale proceeds from disposal of the group's liner shipping activities. Exchange rates accounted

for five points of the 22 per profits and there was a £900,000 benefit from the new accounting standard on pension funding

The group has made progress in spite of heavy capital investment, which amounted to some £200 million in the past three years. Last year, £66 million was spent in acquisitions and new ventures, but gearing at the year-end was a comfortable 28 per cent. For the present year, analysts are looking for profits of about £55 million, a rise of 17

Ocean shares The fast-growing environ- changed at 334p.

55p but recovered to 93p as

buyers emerged. Dr Isidore

Redstone, the chairman, said

the downturn was due to the

prolonged depression in the

residential property market,

which has resulted in material

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By Gillian Bowditch

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Herring Son & Daw Holdings the commercial estate agent and property consultant, reof Australia and the Treasurer, ported a 65 per cent jump in 1989 pre-tax profits to £3.43 Mr Paul Keating, moved quickly to dampen hopes that million. Eps were up from 13.69p to 19.93p. A final dividend of 3.25p makes the slight fall was a trend. They said it was unlikely monetary policy would be eased officially again for sev-5.75p (4p). **Boustead up**

THE Australian Government rates - by between 0.5 and consultations with the fulfilled an election promise 0.75 per cent to between 16.25.

They cut prime lending rates by about 1 per cent to between 18.5 and 18.75 per However, the Reserve Bank cent. Cash rates late yesterday were cut to between 15 and 15.5 per cent, from about 16.75 per cent.

However, the Reserve Bank said it would not allow further interest rate falls in the foreseeable future. The bank governor, Mr Bernie Fraser,

Mr Keating described the move as "the arrangement I have with the bank."

"This monetary policy action has been taken against background of an ongoing of easing in demand and improv-

ing balance of payments. "Demand must grow more

slowly than production for an extended period ahead. The Government will not risk the re-emergence of demand or For the first time in two said: "This action follows cost pressures by an in years, banks cut mortgage yesterday's board meeting and priate easing of policy." cost pressures by an inappro-

'Only four out of ten can work out cost of credit'

can work out how much credit costs them, according to a survey commissioned by Save & Prosper.

The investment house asked what the cost would be of borrowing £1,000 for a year for a credit card with an annual percentage rate of 30 per cent. The correct answer is £300. But although S&P showed cards depicting a range of possible answers, only 40 per cent of the 1,433 questioned gr £251 to £350. ed gave the answer

Thirty three per cent admitted they did not know how to

ONLY four out of ten people work out the cost of an APR in and store cards, got the simple pounds. Nine per cent thought it would be £351 to £450 and 5 per cent estimated it would be more than £450. The same proportion guessed the cost at £51 to £150 and £151 to £250. Three per cent of adults reckoned the cost would be less than £50 and this rose to 4

> Within the sample, women, the elderly and people in the DE socio-economic classes were least likely to know what the correct payment would be. But even half the people aged 25 to 54 in the ABC1 categories, the main users of credit

per cent of credit card users.

Mr Ian Lindsey, Save &

Prosper's director in charge of credit card services, said: "It really is shocking that after 15 years of the Consumer Credit Act, half of the people who use credit cards still don't know their APRs. Surely it is time for the Department of Trade and Industry to act to make credit card costs more obvious and meaningful to customers. For, until the customer learns to differentiate between the cards on basic cost grounds, a monopoly might just as well exist in this market."

US poised to issue **ISC** indictments

part of the US government's court request to freeze one of Mr Guerin's bank accounts containing \$2 million, which the authorities believe may have been earned through fraud and racketeering.

newspaper as saying "The fraud the US is investigating tracts negotiated by Mr Gue-is in the hundreds of mil-rin and associates.

office plans to apply to the Federal Court for a prelimi-nary injunction which will extend the freeze for 90 days.

sued by Ferranti to recover

By Augela Mackay

that the frozen funds were "a small portion of the proceeds under investigation. The freeze expires on Monday but the attorney general's

Mr Guerin, the founder of

THE US Justice Department has revealed it intends to issue indictments in June relating to the investigations into Mr James Guerin's defence company, International Signal & Control, the US division of Ferranti Internstional. The news was among docu-ments filed in Philadelphia as

The attorney general's office was quoted in the New Era

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ISC and the former deputy chairman of Ferrami, is being part of the £215 million hole discovered in the British defence and electronics group's assets last year. Ferranti alleges the problem was caused by franculent weapons con-

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Journalist's moral obligation to protect source is unlawful plaintiffs were two associated private companies, whose anonymity it was essential to preserve if the proceedings were to serve their intended purpose. To 1000 of 10

X Ltd v Morgan-Grampian (Fablican) Ltd and Others Before Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Templeman, Lord Griffiths, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton and Lord Lowry

on of the Contempt of Court Act 1981 on the ground that it was necessary in the interests of actinional capital and weat engaged in preparing a corporate plan for submission to prospective lenders. Much of the information in the plan was in

"Interests of justice" was used in the section in the sense that persons should be enabled to exercise important legal rights or to protect themselves from gave him certain information serious legal wrongs and was not about the plaintiffs. The nature confined to legal proceedings in of the information and the a court of law.

disclosure was necessary were to be made by the courts and not by the journalist concerned, and there was no right of "conscientions objection". Any rule of professional conduct enjoining a journalist to protect his confidential source was subject to an implied exception to enable the journalist to obey the orders of the court.

Where a company had sought disclosure of a journalist's notes so as to identify a person who gave him, in breach of con-fidence, information in which there was no public interest in publication but publication of which would severely damage their business, then disclosure was clearly necessary in the

The House of Lords so held in dismissing appeals by the publishers of *The Engineer*, Morgan-Grampian (Publishers) Ltd. a subsidiary of Morgan-Grampian plc. and by Mr William Robin Gooden, a trainee journalist on the maga-zine, against the decision of the Court of Appeal (Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Mas-ter of the Rolls, Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Lord Justice McCowan) (The Times December 13, 1989; [1990] 2 WLR 421) upholding the order of Mr Justice Hoffmann (The Times, November 24, 1989) for disclosure of the identity of an Information that surplied the informant who had supplied the magazine with confidential information concerning X Ltd and of the notes of the journalist's telephone conventation.

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Mr Geoffrey Robertson, QC, Mr Andrew Nicol and Mr Robin Oppenheim for Mr Goodwin; Mr Christopher Clarke, QC and Miss Heather Rogers for the publishers; Mr John Mo-

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necessary in the interests of information in the plan was in justice was only to be made if the highest degree confidential the judge was satisfied that the interests of justice were of such finalization of the negotiations. preponderating importance as for which it was being prepared to override the statutory would be likely to cause them would be likely to cause them severe damage. In November 1989 one copy of the plan dissopeaned

On the next day somebody telephoned to Mr Goodwin and timing of the communication Decisions as to whether justify the inference that the isclosure was necessary were to source had obtained the information from the plan and was either the person who had stolen the missing copy or was closely associated with that

> Mr Goodwin was minded to write an article for The Engineer
> about the plaintiffs based in part
> on the information given to him
> by the source and in part on other information from publicly scccssible sources.

He telephoned to the plain-tiff to check certain facts and drafted an article, but before any decision was taken by the magazine to publish it, the plaintiffs, alerted by Mr Good-win's inquiries, obtained an exparte injunction to restrain

When the nature came before Mr Justice Hoffmann, inter partes, the plaintiffs sought not only injunctions restraining publication but also orders for disclosure of the identity of the source and of the notes Mr Goodwin had made, as a means of discovering that identity. No issue arose regarding the

The outcome of several hearings was that the publishers, who did not know the identity of the source, were ordered to disclose the notes but could not comply with the order because they had no means of coercing

On November 22, Mr Goodwas wan ordered to disclose his. notes by 3pm on the following day, but the Court of Appeal varied that order by giving him the option of delivering his notes to the court in a scaled envelope which would remain scaled unless and until his avenues of appeal against the order for disclosure had been

to serve their intended purpose. had a discretion whether or not in 1989 they wished to raise to hear argument in support of [Speeches April 4] In 1989 they wished to raise to hear argument in support of An order for disclosure of a additional capital and were Mr. Goodwin's appeal and exercised the discretion to decline

The House had heard sub-missions made on Mr Good-win's behalf de bene esse, leaving for considered decision when delivering judgment the Jurisdiction to order disclosure

The defendants' first submission was that the court had no jurisdiction to order discovery of Mr Goodwin's notes, in that, since the sole purpose was to identify the source, they were in the position of mere witnesses who, although they might be compelled to testify in proceedings against the source or the thief, were not amenable to any

jurisdiction as parties properly impleaded as defendants to claims for quia timet injunetions to restrain them from
publishing information imparted to them in breach of

source.

In that capacity they were amenable to the full scope of the court's wide power to order discovery inter partes. The notes were unquestionably discoverable for the purposes of the quie timet litigation.

The fact that the plaintiffs primary purpose in seeking to obtain disclosure of the notes was to identify the source did not in any way inhibit or restrict the court's page 1 the court's power to order discovery for the purposes of the quia timet litigation, subject always to any claim for privilege

But if it were necessary to invoke the principle expounded in Norwich Pharmacal Co v Customs and Excise Commissioners ([1974] AC 133) which enabled the court, in certain circumstances, to coder discovery by a party seainst whom the ery by a party against whom the party seeking discovery had no cause of action, the defendants were within that principle.

Just as in the Narwich case the

commissioners had innocently come into possession of goods tortionally imported, so here the defendants, whether innocently or not, had come into possission of confidential information tortiously obtained and actionsly imported to them. publishers; Mr John Mc- Mr Goodwin's failure to comtonnell, QC and Mr Raymond oply with the order was a plain tortiously obtained and oply with the order was a plain tortiously imparted to them.

Devern for the plaintiffs. They were "mixed up" in the

Section 10 of the 1981 Act provided: "No court may require a person to disclose, nor is any person guilty of contempt of source of information contained judge. question regarding the rights of in a publication for which he is contemnors to be heard as appellants at a time when they lished to the satisfaction of the responsible, unless it be estab-lished to the satisfaction of the court that disclosure is nec-10 to show merely that he would easary in the interests of justice or national security or for the prevention of disorder or

Section 10 applied notwithstanding that the informa-tion obtained by Mr Goodwin from the source had not been "contained in a publication". The purpose underlying the statutory protection of sources of information was as much process of discovery to assist the plaintiffs in advance of litigation against those parties.

The short answer to that the short answer to that the short answer to that the subminisor was that Mr Goodwin and the publishers were already subject to the court's restriction on disclosure applied to the court's restriction or disclos not only to direct orders to disclose the identity of the

> It followed that whenever disclosure was sought of a document which would disclose the identity of a source within the ambit of section 10, the statutory restriction operated unless the party seeking disclo-sure could satisfy the court that disclosure was necessary in the interests of one of the four matters of public concern listed

> in the section. A question arising under the "interests of justice" part of section 10 had not previously In discussing the section generally in Secretary of State for Defence v Guardian Newspapers Ltd ([1985] AC 339, 350) Lord

Diplock had confined the phrase to "the technical sense of the administration of justice in the course of legal proceedings in a

With all respect time to any dictum of the late Lord Diplock, that was too narrow. It was "in the interests of justice", in the sense in which the phrase was used in section 10, that persons should be maked to exercise should be manion to exercise important legal rights or to protect themselves from serious legal wrongs, whether or not resort to legal proceedings in a court of law would be necessary to obtain those objectives.

Would very much affect the were both before the House with importance of protecting the the benefit of leave to appeal,

confidential information tor-tiously disclosed. The argument to identify him in order to against jurisdiction wholly terminate his contract of employment, notwithstanding that no legal proceedings might

be necessary to achieve that end. Construing the phrase in that sense immediately emphasized the importance of the balancing court for refusing to disclose, the exercise to be engaged in by the

> It would not be sufficient, per be unable without disclosure to exercise a legal right or aven the threatened legal wrong on which he based his claim in order to establish the necessity of

> disclosure. The judge's task would always be to weigh in the scales the importance of enabling the ends of justice to be attained in the circumstances of the particular case on the one hand against the importance of protecting the source on the other hand. In that balancing exercise it

> was only if the judge was estimated that disclosure in the interests of justice was of such interests of justice was or such preponderating importance as to override the statutory privi-lege against disclosure that the threshold of necessity would be

It would be foolish to attempt to give comprehensive guidance as to how the balancing exercise should be carried out. But it would not be out of place to indicate the kind of factors which would require In estimating the importance

to be given to the case in favour of disclosure there would be a wide spectrum within which the particular case had to be located. If the party seeking disclosure showed, for example, that his very livelihood depended upon it, that would put the case near one end of the spectrum. If he sought no more than to protect a minor interest in property, that would put the case at or near the

On the other side the importance of protecting a source from disclosure in pursuance of the policy underlying the statute would also vary within a wide

One important factor would be the nature of the information obtained from the source. The greater the legitimate public interest in the information which the source had given to the publisher, the greater would be the importance of protecting the pource.

But another and perhaps more significant factor which

legitimately that would enhance the importance of protecting the source.

Conversely, if it appeared that the information was obtained illegally, that would diminish the importance of protecting the source unless, of course, that factor was counterbalanced by a clear public interest in publication of the information, as in the classic case where the source had acted for the purpose of

His Lordship drew attention to those considerations by way of illustration only and emphasized again that they were not intended to be read as a code.

In the circumstances of the instant case Mr Justice Hoffmann and the Court of Appeal were right in finding that the necessity for disclosure of Mr Goodwin's notes in the interests of justice was established. The importance to the plain-tiffs of obtaining disclosure lay

in the threat of severe damage to their business, and con-sequentially to the livelihood of their employees, which would arise from disclosure of the information contained in their corporate plan while their refinancing negotiations were still continuing.

The importance of protecting the source on the other hand was much diminished by the source's complicity, at the very least, in a gross breach of confidentiality which was not counterbalanced by any legiti-mate interest which publication of the information was calculated to surve. Had the contemnor a right to be

In a case where a contemnor had not only failed wilfully and contumaciously to comply with an order of the court but made it clear that he would continue to defy the court's authority if the order was affirmed on appeal, the court had to have a dis-cretion to decline to entertain his appeal against the order.

But the course adopted by the Court of Appeal in the instant case was not a proper exercise of the discretion. It was one thing to decline to entertain an appeal. It was quite another to entertain the appeal, to dismiss it and to give leave to

appeal further to the House of Lords, but, in the process, to decline to hear the appellant's counsel in support of the appeal. But the point was, in a sense, academic since the court had heard full argument from counsel from the publishers. Once the publishers and Mr Goodwin

It was very much to be hoped, the court's order and decide to

comply with it. information . , . was supplied to me pursuant to some criminal enterprise or from any personal or competitor-inspired malevo-lence towards the plaintiff company. I cannot therefore see a moral justification for breaking

my undertaking." The clear implication of that passage was the recognition that there might be a "moral jus-tification" for a journalist to break his undertaking to protect his source.

But Mr Goodwin took up the position that it was for the journalist, not for the court, to determine when the circumstances were such as to provide that justification.

That wholly undermined the protestations of a high-minded determination to seek a martyr's crown in conscientious defence of an indissoluble obligation, which his Lordship cited from another passage of the affidavit:
"I have made a promise of confidentiality and I cannot in conscience go back on it, even though it exposes me to punishment. I am prepared to take that punishment, on the basis that, regretfully though deliberately, I have broken the law as it.

"I am under a recognized obligation of confidence to my source, from which I have not been released and from which I cannot in conscience release myself. I feel deeply unhappy at caking the law, but I believe I have no honourable

Mr Goodwin's affidavit also referred to the advice and support he had received from the National Union of Journalists and claimed that his decision to defy the order was "in accordance with my duty under the NUJ code of conduct, because by handing over my notes under seal I would put my source at risk in the event that my appeal was unsuccessful".

Although Mr Goodwin twice affirmed that he accepted full personal responsibility for his decision, his Lordship was disturbed by the possibility that he was acting under the misguided influence of some members of his profession who saw his predicament as providing the opportunity for some kind of ideological confrontation with

hear counsel for both, more case was increased by the knowwas not opposed by the supported in the costs of the plaintiffs. litigation by another un-

disclosed source. The maintenance of the rule for his own sake, that Mr of law was in every way as Goodwin even at this late stage important in a free society as the important in a free society as the would re-examine his attitude to democratic franchise. While no one doubted the importance of protecting journalists' sources, In an affidavit he had de-posed: "I do not believe that the absolute privilege against disclosure admitting of no exceptions.

Since the enactment of section 10, both the protection of journalists' sources and the limited grounds on which it might exceptionally be necessary to override that protection had been laid down by

His Lordship had not heard of any campaign in the media suggesting that the law itself was unjust or that the exceptions to the protection were too widely drawn. But if there were such a campaign, it should be fought in sion, not by disobedience to the

Given the law as laid down by section 10, who, if not the courts, was to interpret it and to decide in the circumstances of any given case whether the protection was to prevail or whether the case was brought within one of the exceptions? The journalist could not be left to be judge in his own cause and decide whether or not to

make disclosure. To contend that the individual litigant, be he a journalist or anyone else, had a right of "conscientious objection" which entitled him to set him-self above the law if he did not agree with the court's decision was a doctrine which directly undermined the rule of law and was wholly unacceptable in a democratic society.

Any rule of professional conduct enjoining a journalist to protect his confidential sources had, impliedly if not expressly, tion was necessary to enable the journalist to obey the orders of a court of competent jurisdiction. Freedom of speech was itself a right which was dependent on the rule of law for its protection and it was paradoxical that a serious challenge to the rule of law should be mounted by responsible journalists.

In view of his contempt, the costs as against Mr Goodwin would be taxed on an indemnity

Lord Templeman, Lord Oliver and Lord Lowry delivered concurring speeches and Lord

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Former railway land must be offered to original owners at 1846 price

acquired had to be first offered for sale back to the successors in title of the original owners at the

Mr Junice Hoffmanu to held in the Chancery Division in deciding preliminary issues in separate actions by the special trustees for St Bartholomew's Hospital, Smithfield, London, and the Church Commis for England against the British Railways Board and National Carriers Ltd (NCL), claiming that the board and NCL were not free to dispose of parts of land near King's Cross, under the terms of the 1846 compalsory purchase provision Mr Edward Nugee, QC and Mr Terence Etherton for the trustees; Mr David Lowe, QC and Mr Charles Turnbull for the Church Commissioners; Mr Gavin Lightman, QC and Mr John Whittaker for British Railways Board; Mr Robert Reid, QC and Mr Simon Berry for

MR JUSTICE HOFFMANN said that north of King's Cross Station there were some 125 acres of largely derelict land occupied by disused railway

sidings, overgrown track and empty Victorian warehouses. The Great Northern Railway company had acquired the land century when it built King's Cross as the terminus of the new railway from London to York. Today it was vested in the

construct an ambitious commercial development.

In mediaeval times the land had belonged to the Dean and Chapter of St Paul's. In about the year 1200 they granted the farm known as Aylesbury to the friars of St Bartholomew the Less whose hospital nearby in Smithfield (Bart's) was already

monasteries the hospital was re-established as a royal founda-tion. Thus in 1846 a good deal of the land required for King's Cross was owned either by the Bodesiamical Commissi for England, as successors to the Dean and Chapter of St Paul's, or by the Governors of the Royal Hospital of St Bartholo-mew. The railway company acquired most of it under com-

Now, the special trustees of St Bartholomew's Hospital, as successors to the governors, and the Church Commissioners, as successors to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, claimed that British Rail and NCL were not free to dispose of the land as they wished.

They said that by the terms of the Act which gave the railway company its compulsory powers and a deed by which some of the land was conveyed, they had the right to buy it back at the price for which it was originally sold. The Great Northern Railway Company Act 1846 gave the company power to make the railway from London to York in

Find an and Other v British which would put some of the Charch Commissioners for Englished v Sums Bard and Another Charch Commissioners for Englished v Sums Before Mr Justice Hoffmann [Judgment March 22]

A large area would not be land compulsorily purchased in 1846 by the Great Northern Railway Company and which was no longer required for the from its present owners and construct an ambitions of the Charch Commissioners for the parcets of land to which the present actions which would become the international terminus of the called the "limits of deviation".

The lands to which the compulsory powers applied were their option to re-purchase the same at such price.

Section 102, which was of general application, was as follows:

Three of the parcets of land to which the present actions were concerned were taken under compulsory powers. They were times after the said and the Church Commissioners relied.

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the Regent's Canal. There were also eight acres of "bine" land (belonging to the hospital) lying outside the limits of deviation which were ac-quired by agreement under a provision of the Act for After the dissolution of the

of January 17, 1851.

the said railway company shall and they are hereby required to offer forthwith such land to the said Governors at a sum not exceeding the original price paid

extraordinary purposes.

The provisions under which the plaintiffs relied were sections 57 and 102 of the 1846 Act and a provision in an indenture

Section 57, which applied only to land taken compulsorily from the hospital (the yellow and red land), was as follows: "And be it enacted that the whole of the ground which may be taken compulsorily by the said company from the said Governors of Saint Bartholomew's Hospital under the pro-visions of this Act shall be taken within three years from the passing of this Act; and that if at any time or times after the said railway shall be completed any of the lands so compulsorily taken by the said company shall not be used and required for the purposes for which the said company is hereby incor-porated, then and in such case

be discontinued, and not used for the purposes of carrying passengers or for carrying goods or other traffic, that then and in such case the said railway company shall and they are hereby compelled in the first instance to offer the land whereon such railway shall have been constructed to the original proprietors of such lands pur-chased for the purpose of making such railway, or their assigns

paid for the same by the said railway company." There was an issue as to whether upon its true construction the application of section 102 was confined to land which had been taken compulsorily or whether it was capable of applying also to land such as the blue land acquired by agreement for

extraordinary purposes.

or legal representatives, at a sum not exceeding the original price

In respect of the blue land, however, the hospital also relied upon a provision in the inden-ture of January 17, 1851 by which the governors conveyed the land to the company: "And further that if at any time after the expiration of three years from the date of these presents any part of the land hereby granted and conveyed shall not be used and required by the said company for the formation and completion of the said railway and station and works connected therewith then the said company shall and will

main questious: first whether those provisions still applied or whether they expired many years ago; second, whether they were repealed by certain twentieth century stat-utes; third, whether NCL could say that its acquisition of some of the land on December 31, 1968, under the provisions of the Transport Act 1968, created an immediate right of re-purchase under section 102 of the 1846 Act, so that any claim for damages in respect of a breach of that obligation was

now statute-burred. There were two important and undisputed principles of construction which applied to sections 57 and 102

The first was that they formed part of a private Act which should in case of ambiguity be construed against the promoters. The second was that they should be construed in their legislative and historical setting. Section 57 was the product of a negotiation between the hos-pital and the promoters of the Bill. The hospital said that the land proposed to be used for the

new commercial development fell within the plain language of the section. It was land taken compulsorily and would now not be "used and required for the purposes for which the said company was incorporated".

It should be mentioned that by virtue of subsequent legisla-tion, the date by which the Great Northern Railway had to sell superfluous lands near its sta-tions was crumded. It was found impossible to within the statutory powers of question vested in it as a result read the language of section 57 the Great Northern Railway of a provision in the Transport

The preliminary issues raised sell had to imply a power to sell, that the section spoke only of point before the court that the if the offer v

reasonable time, failing which the company would, if em-powered under section 127 of the Land Clauses Act 1845 or otherwise, be entitled to sell to someone else; nor was any machinery to fix the price required. The company could sell at any price it liked provided it did not exceed the price originally paid. To construe section 57 in the

way the defendants suggested would not be in accordance with the principle that ambiguities should be resolved against the company. The words had to be given their natural meaning. Section 102 applied only after the railway had been completed

and only if "such railway or any part thereof' had been It applied to a discontinuance of the use for railway purposes of land on which any of the authorized works had been built which would include the goods

yards, warehouses and so forth at King's Cross. "The purposes of carrying passengers or for carrying goods or other traffic" seemed to be intended to encapsulate the whole of the company's objects and to embrace all purposes ancillary thereto.

The section therefore applied to the land with which the parties were concerned and the circumstances which had arisen, and, on its true construction, applied without time limit to land which had ceased to be used for any of the purposes There was a subsidiary point

agreement and not under com-Duisory powers. "such lands purchased for the purpose of making such a railway" and did not say that they must have been bought and 1O2.

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In the court's view, the "railway" in section 102 meant the works authorized by the Act within the limits of deviation on the deposited plans, to which the compulsory powers applied. It did not include land hought outside those limits by private treaty for extraordinary

As to the 1851 conveyance, the pre-emption clause concerned only the blue land. The event giving rise to the right of preemption "at any time" after the expiry of the three-year period was that the land was not "used and required . . . for the formation and completion of the said railway and station and works

connected therewith". Once the land had been so used, it seemed that the event in question could never occur. It might cease to be used for the purposes of the railway, as was now about to happen, but that was not the same thing as its not being used for its "formation

and completion". Therefore, the clause in the conveyance became spent when the railway was completed and the blue land used. His Lordship turned to consider subsequent legislation and held that neither section 57 nor 102 was repealed by later

NCL, a subsidiary of the board, had part of the land in

Company or its successors in Act 1968 and the effect was that. in relation to the land now vested in NCL, sections 57 and on section 102 — whether it applied to the hospital's blue company" or the "said railway hand which was acquired by company" were NCL.

As to rights of repurchase, it was sufficient to say for the It would seem not: it was true purposes of the preliminary ie in NCL did not *in*s facto give rise to the rights of repurchase under sections 57

The court's decision, there fore, was that, in the hospital's action, the plaintiffs were entitled to the benefit of sections 57 and 1O2 of the 1846 Act in respect of the yellow and red land and that the British Railways Board was still subject to obligations of the Great Northern Railway under those

Sections. The board was obliged to offer to the plaintiffs under section 57 such part (if any) of the red and yellow land as it owned and had ceased to be used and required for its own purposes. It was similarly obliged to offer such part of the red and yellow land on which its business had been

discontinued. The sections did not apply to the blue land and the hospital acquired no right to the blue land under the 1851 indenture

Similar declarations would be made in relation to those parts of the red and yellow land now declaration that the plaintiffs' claims against the latter had not become time-barred by virtue of the statutory vesting provided in section 5 of the Transport Act 1968 or earlier legislation.

In the Church Commissioners' action, similar declara-tions would be made concerning the application of section 102 to the green land.

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British Railways Board and accordance with deposited plans National Carriers Ltd. British Rail had plans for King's Cross necessary for the purpose. for the same by the said railway company, and the said Govbenefit of pre-emption of all or such part of the said land which Customs can conduct prosecutions after charge by police

Regina v Stafford Magistrates

Before Lord Justice Watkins

[Judgment March 28] When a customs officer who had been investigating an offence arrested somebody without a Warrant and took him to a police Station to be charged by the custody officer, under section 37 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, the proceed-ings were not deemed to have

been instituted on behalf of the

police force with the effect that

the Crown Prosecution Service

alone could conduct the

prosecution. Accordingly the prosecution could be conducted by the Commissioners of Cus-The Queen's Bench Di-visional Court so held in granting an application by the commissioners for judicial review of a refusal by Stafford Justices to commit Sabrina Listes for trial on a charge under section 24(1)(a) of the Drug Trafficking Officeres Act 1986 and their dismissal of the information on the basis that commissioners were not catitled to carry on

Mr John Laws and Mr Jona- offence under the customs and parte
than Gosling for the commissioners; Mr Dennis Naish for Sabrina Lisles; Mr Edmund Lawson, QC and Mr Ross Burns

than Gosling for the commissioners excelle Acts thould be instituted except by order of the commissioners.

It was surely not to be

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that at the committal proceedings the justices ruled that the proceedings had been instituted on behalf of a police force and could, therefore, under section 3 of the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985 only be conducted by the CPS.

where, in effect, Lord Justice Woolf had held that a custody police station, no matter from whom, did so on behalf of the police force to which he belonged. Consequently the pro-visions of section 3(2)(a) of the 1985 Act automatically applied once the charge was accepted. The provisions of section 6 of

sioners, in making such an

Their decision was based on R v Ealing Justices, Ex parte Dixon ([1989] 3 WLR 1098) article 4 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 officer in accepting a charge at a

the 1985 Act clearly envisaged that persons other than the Director of Public Prosecutions might institute proceedings and prosecute. It would indeed be surprising if that were not so.

Particular regard had to be had to section 145(1) of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 which provided that no proposition for an expension of the custom of ment Act 1979 which provided pursuance of any enactment to that no proceedings for an perform any duties.

understood that the commis-

order.

proceedings under, so to speak, their own Act inevitably being instituted on behalf of a police A customs officer in investigating an offence lacked no essential power save that of charging the arrested person, that clearly was denied him by

were consenting to

(Application to Customs and Excise) Order (SI 1985 No 1800). If it was not and the customs officer in the present case had charged Sabrina Lisles, section 3(2)(a) could not possibly have been operative. So the critical matter was the charging of her by the custody officer and the

effect of that. His Lordship accepted that the offence of assisting another to retain the benefit of drug trafficking should for all material purposes be regarded as an assigned matter, being any mat-ter in relation to which the commissioners were required in

The 1979 and 1986 Acts went hand in hand in the control of hand in nano in the control of unlawful dealing in drugs. They could be regarded as for material purposes similar in kind.

While the commissioners were not expressed to be under a duty to prosecute in the 1986 Act it seemed that their was what

give to the said Governors and their successors the right and

was expected of them.

Mr Lawson said that in circumstances where arrest, as opposed to the summons procedure, was appropriate Par-liament had conferred upon custody officers exclusively rights and duties in relation to charging arrested persons.

There was, therefore, no sensible reason why others should

not be allowed to take advantage

of that well known charging

procedure. A custody officer performed a special function and acted in isolation from the investigation of crime. The right of any person to conduct a prosecution was pre-served in section 6 of the 1985 Act. That right, Mr Lawson submitted, might prove nugatory if a person were arrested without warrant and charged and the right taken away.

The right of any person at

Mr Lawson submitted that

Dixon was wrongly decided and

common law to bring a prosecu-tion had long been recognized.

maintained that there was no difference whatsoever between the right of a private individual to prosecute and that of a person prosecuting on behalf of a government department or other body. It was therefore impossible to distinguish Dixon. His Lordship had come to the conclusion that Dixon was wrongly decided and felt driven

to decline to be influenced by it. It was an incorrect view of the legislation that would lead to the

Proceedings could only be said to have been instituted on hehalf of a police force when it was the police who had investi gated, arrested and brought the

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Mr Justice Garland

conclusion that a person such as a customs officer who investi-gated the commission of an offence, arrested a person and took him to a police station to be charged by a custody officer thereby surrendered the prosecution of the proceedings to the DPP because the charging process, in stark opposition to the actual facts, deemed the proceedings to have been in-stituted on behalf of the police

arrested person to the custody Mr Justice Nolan agreed. Solicitors: Solicitor, Customs

in two courts' areas Regina v Ormskirk Justices, Ex parte Battistini Before Lord Justice Neill and

[Judgment March 29] Justices had jurisdiction under section 1(2)(a) of the Magistrates Courts Act 1980 to try offences alleged in the information to have taken place outside their area, provided the offences had in fact been committed

within the area. The Queen's Bench Di-visional Court so held in rejecting an application by Edgardo Battistini for judicial review of the Ormskirk Justices' decision of January 17, 1989 that they had jurisdiction to try him for driving with excess alcohol and failing to provide a specimen of breath when required.

Miss Catherine Ellis for the applicant, Mr John Hugill, QC and Mr Peter D. Wright for the respondents.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL, delivering the judgment of the court, said the applicant had originally been charged with reckless driving contrary to section 2 of the Road Traffic Act 1972, driving with excess alcohol contrary to section 6(1), as

substituted in Schedule 8 to the to issue a summons on an Transport Act 1981, and failing information "if the offence is to provide a breath specimen committed or is suspected to contrary to section 7, as substituted. It was alleged that he had been

seen by police driving his car

been followed and eventually

Jurisdiction to try offences

stopped in Southport, where it have been drinking and had amended. refused a breath specimen. He had appeared before the Ormskirk Justices and elected crown court trial on the reckless driving charge, which referred to roads within as well as outside the Ormskirk jurisdiction. The

other charges were adjourned

sine die.

He was subsequently acquitted at the crown court and proceedings on the two remaining charges were reopened before Ormskirk Justices. It was there submitted on his behalf that the justices had no jurisdiction since the information alleged that the offences

under sections 6(1) and 7 were committed in Southport, some ten miles outside the Ormskirk Justices' jurisdiction. There were two answers: By section 1(2)(a) of the 1980 information "if the offence is area" of their jurisdiction.

The section was concerned with the actual facts. Provided recklessly in Ormskirk. He had the offence was in fact commit-tion followed and eventually ted in the area of the relevant justices, they had jurisdiction was alleged he was found to and the charges could be

When the information was originally laid it included all three offences. Clearly at the stage where the information was laid it was valid because it included an offence which was in the justices' jurisdiction and by section 2(6) of the 1980 Act the other offences could have been tried if the reckless driving had proceeded to summary trial. Solicitors: Irving Phillips & Co. Ormskirk, CPS Preston,

Correction

In Lloyds Bank plc v Rosset and Another (The Times March 30) Mrs Rosset's solicitors were Collyer-Bristow for Walmsley & Barnes, Cliftonville. In In re E (a Minor) (The Times April 2) the solicitors for the parents were Charles Russell

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Whiz-kids beat wheel of fortune How a group of science students used tiny computers and radio transmitters secreted in their shoes, plus the laws of physics, to outwit the game of roulette in the gambling dens at Las Vegas

Newton's Laws of Motion and physics theories of chaos, friction and prediction be applied to the apparent randomness of the roulette wheel?

That was the tantalizing question that a group of computer science students studying at the University of California decided to solve. For just under a decade the group, led by Doyne Farmer, grappled with the logistical complexities of designing a computer that could be worn secretly and used in a casino.

It needed to be programmable in a gambling hall by someone observing the unique spin of a wheel and the way it bounced the ball. And the electronics had to be capable of discreetly relaying betting messages to an accomplice sitting at the roulette table with a stack of chips. The ambitious scheme's victims were the glossy gambling dens of Las Vegas, Nevada,

After numerous aborted tests with flawed designs, including computers in bras that short-circuited and gaveoff electrical shocks when the wearer perspired, the students finally created the ultimate gambling computer: a machine so small it could fit in a shoe and was capable, of delivering more than a 33 per cent return at the tables. How much the team won at the tables is unclear.

Thomas Bass, one of the participants, has written a book on the team's exploits, The Newtonian Casino, to be published in Britain next month. He says the team is not prepared to reveal profits, ithough money was made.
"We proved it could be

done and that was the real motivation behind the project," he explained, adding that one of today's pro-fessional gamblers could be working the world's casinos amed with little more than an electronic shoe and a lot of

Certainly the legislators in Nevada took the project seriously. When news of the scheme emerged in 1985, they drafted tough laws banning any "device" capable of projecting the outcome of the game" punishable by up to 10 years in jail and a fine of for landing spaceships on the

\$10,000 (about £6,100). Most of the "whiz-kids" involved have since gone on to leading scientific careers in the United States. Doyne Farmer is group leader in the from beginning to end, the Theoretical Division at the computer calculates coef-Theoretical Division at the prestige Los Alamos Laboratory in New Mexico.

The lessons learnt trying to beat the tables are now being applied to more academic pursuits, including artificial life, population biology and other subjects centred on theories of chaos. In this extract. from The Newtonian Casino, happened when he and Doyne Farmer used their system at real life takes a million times the the Sundance casino.

WE DRIVE into the parking garage behind Benny Binion's Horseshoe Club and circle up the ramp to the third floor.

"We shouldn't be seen talking to each other," Doyne says. "Not even in the street. In case there are any slip-ups,

we'll meet kner in the Golden Nugget. Why don't you ran through the signals again? "A bet on red means I take a five-minute walk. Even means sit down and play. A chip on the first 12, numbers and I raise stakes." This is one of the

ways we'll communicate without talking for the next two hours. The other is by

We park the car and lift two pairs of shoes off the rear seat. These are good leather Oxfords with crepe soles. Only on peering inside does one notice that the bottoms are hollowed out. A channel three inches wide and a half inch deep runs from toe to instep. A second cavity is cut into the heel. This is professional work. Uppers and soles have been separated and restricted without a truce,

We reach back for two more shoe boxes. One of them holds our power supplies, known to us as "battery boats". The, second box holds our computers, which resemble orthopaedic insoles with toe clickers built on to the front end. The missing pieces in a jigsaw puzzle, computers and boats fit exactly into the cavities cut out of the shoes. The boats slip prow backward into the heel. The computers snuggle up front under the balls of our feet.

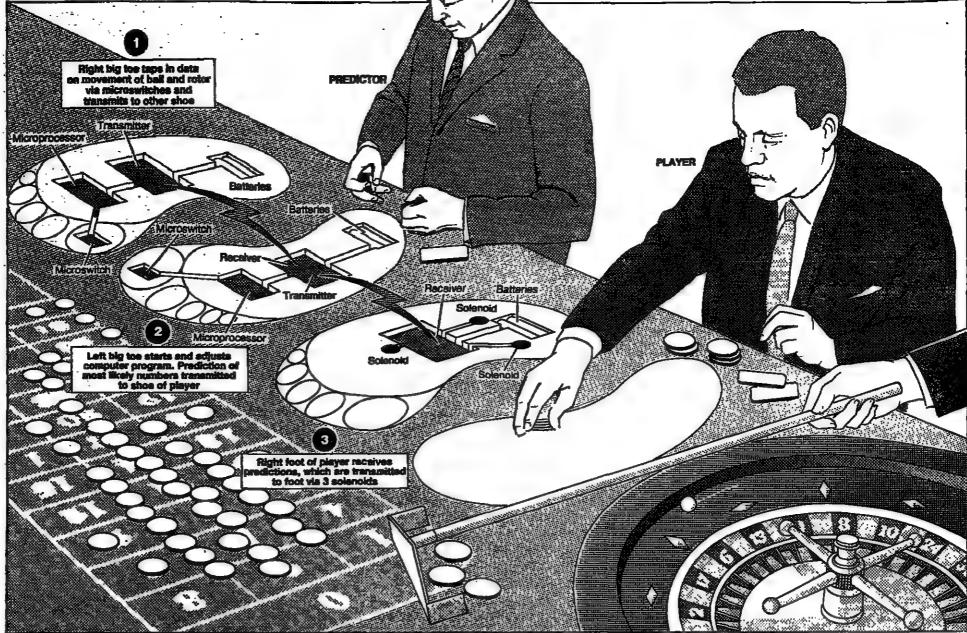
Covered with screw-on lids made of polycarbonate "jail giass," the boats have two metal solenoids the size of pencil erasers sticking out of holes cut into the plastic. Activated by a small current, these mechanical thumpers are positioned to vibrate against the heel and arch of the foot. By varying the location and frequency of these buzzes, a computer driving the solenoids can generate dozens of discrete signals.:

n technical terms, we are slipping into our soles a CMOS 6502 microprocessor with five kilobytes of random-access mem-Apple computers are made with the same chip. We carry another 4,000 bytes of memory crafted into a pro-gram smart enough to beat advantage. The program - a set of mathematical cour similar to those used by Nasa Moon - tracks a ball in orbit around a spinning disc of numbers.

in which the game is played ficients of friction and drag, edjusts for changes in velocity, plots relative positions and trajectories, and then announces where in this heavenly cosmos a roulette ball will likely come to rest on a still-

spinning rotor. Its predictive power lies in the fact that the computer in

A 44 per cent advantage is a general equation describing oped by now in his big toes. significantly larger than any other gambling system extant. which you can plug the variance by trial and error. other gambling system extant. The payout in roulette is 35 to one. For every \$100 invested - compounded 50 times an hour — one can expect a tidy hourly return of \$2,200. The



How technology beat the spin of the wheel: "Why would anyone play roulette without wearing a computer in his shoe?" asks Thomas Bass, who was part of the casino team

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Doyne steps out of the car
and stands with his big toes
positioned over the microswitches in his left and right shoes. His left toe is expert at motoring the computer among subroutines in its program. His right toe is trained for tapping in data. With Doyne's computer on line and making predictions, another radio link connects it to the computer and solenoids in my

This gives us a three-footed system, with functions divided between data taker and better. Since I have no microswitches under my toes, my role is limited to fielding signals radioed from Doyne's roulette at a 44 per cent computer to mine, and placing and its final collapse on to the bets on the layout. I am the spinning disc of numbers. m or the op foil, a mere interpreter of signs tattooed on to the soles of my Doyne carries on a kind of

liace up my shoes and step out of the car. I am walking on shoe steers the computer into During the 10 to 20 seconds five years of labour and several thousand dollars' while the microswitch in the worth of soft- and hardware: a right shoe clocks the ball and state-of-the-art computer. rotor data. Walking to the head of the street, I turn into the toe and right toe alters the Sundance, a second-rate ca- parameters themselves. To get

wiches built into magic shoes.

It is not by mathematical second reflexes. The process but by physical prediction that takes anywhere from 10 minone beats the game of roulette. utes to half an hour. You need to know the exact Thomas Bass describes what our shoes can play out in forces acting on ball and rotor Doyne is an ace at driving the microseconds a game that in at each play of the game. This computer around its program requires a computer pro- He adjusts variables by sight, grammed with an algorithm - or from a sixth sense devel-

> ables governing the wheel. Does the ball travel farther than or not as far as predicted? locate the high side and Are there unusual circumshadow on the track. You stances, such as atmospheric

which the central rotor decelerates. Given these general parameters - which differ significantly from wheel to wheel - the computer and its algorithm become predictive.

But for this they need more

information gathered while the game is in play. This is supplied by a data taker clicking two passes of the rotor in front of a fixed reference point on the frame of the vheel, and two or more passes of the ball in front of the same point. It is now an easy matter for a computer to calculate relative velocities and pos-ition, the projected time of fail for the ball, its trajectory over the sloping sides of the wheel,

To fit the compu gram to a particular whee dialogue between his big toes. The microswitch in his left subroutines in its program,

A-tap routine combining left sino. The wheel should prove the algorithm tweaked around no match for computer sand- to the conditions at hand

With five years' practice

off. You compute the rate at game to the next, Doyne notes bank, at \$5 apiece. The pit what the computer predicts boss gives me a good stare. against what the hall does

until, ideally, the two sets of data could be plotted on top of over. My début into the big time. I have each other in a bell curve the layout in front of neatly symmetrical about the me memorized backwards and forwards. I Doyne places a bet on even: my signal to play. I sit in the chair and hand the croupier know the arrangement of all the corresponding numbers on the wheel. I have them di-vided around the circle into \$300. He claps his hands and the pit boss watches as my bills get stuffed into the cash octants, eight groups of four or five numbers apiece, that box with what looks like a wooden meat cleaver. The correspond in turn to one of croupier again claps his hands eight different buzzes tattooed by computer on to the botand shoves across the felt three stacks of red chips valued now, according to the toms of my feet.

The ball whirls smoothly around the track and slows for

its final revolutions. The cups below spin successively red. biack, and green. I wait for

Doyne to enter data and transmit a prediction from his computer to mine. Like time machines speeding up the present, our computers are going to peer into the future and chart the trajectory of the game a crucial few seconds in advance of its being played. I get a high-frequency buzz

on the front solenoid. A three. The third octant. Including numbers 1, 13, 24 and 36. I stretch over the baize and cover the first three numbers with chips. I skip the 36 at the bottom of the layout and substitute instead the 00.

which lies near it on the wheel and closer to my seat.

Like a basketball watching a free throw sail up and into the basket, I lean back on my heels and wait. I turn to the cocktail waitress and order a tequila sunrise. I smile at the pit boss. I'm not even looking as the croupier calls out the number 13 and places his pyramid on top of

my bet. Why would anyone play roulette, I think to myself. without wearing a computer in his shoe?

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20 years of psychological research has produced conclusions with disconcerting implications for the education system (Pearce Wright writes). The latest findings from long-term studies by Dr Marian Annett, of Leicester University, suggest that teachers can no longer assume that if about half of the class learns things easily, the other half ought to be able to do so too. She says: "It seems the other half may need to be taught things that for the advantaged

half come naturally." An outline of her results published by the Medical Research Council, which supports her investigations, coincides with the presentation of other controversial studies of the development of intelliannual meeting of the British ning today at University College, Swansea.

Her results could account for earlier observations of other researchers of the high proportion of left-handers found in many groups of outstanding ability: tennis professionals, cricketers, surgeons and mathematicians.

By the same token, it seems that outstanding human per-



Prominent lefties: Albert Einstein and George Bush

biased right-handers. Twenty one hand. The board is then cluded that no convincing with the other hand. evidence, existed of a link between intellectual ability gence to be discussed by the handedness, right-handedness or mixed-handedness. Her some experiments devised initially for assessing dexterity

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years ago Dr Annett con-turned and the task is repeated Unusual differences in the subjects' ability to carry out and a preference for left- simple chores led to a more detailed study that covers reading and mathematical Psychological Society, begin- change of mind came with arminment and other skills. From the results, Dr Annett

suggests there is a genetic basis for certain types of handi- for left-and right-handedness capped patients needing re- and its influence on intelligence, which, she says, The experiments have since "makes some of my biologist

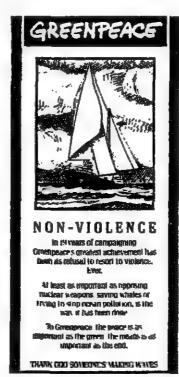
But her measurements of children from pre-school to dexterity in moving pegs showed that although it con-The test consists of a board firmed the strong bias in the with two rows of 10 holes. One population to right-handedformances are not likely to row is filled with pegs that are ness, the proportion of left-occur in the most heavily moved to the second row with banded and ambidextrous

people cannot be explained by chance. She argues that as the two halves of the brain have to develop their communication pathways in infancy, there would be an advantage for the side of the brain that controls speech also to control handedness so that the children coordinate most effectively from the outset.

She has conceived of two enes that she calls as rs+, the right shift gene, and 13-, thought to be neutral or indifferent to the laterality of the brain. As everyone inherits one set of genes from each parent, a child with two righthanded parents inherits two copies of the same gene designated 15++. From two left-handed parents the child inherits two copies of a gene designated rs-, or from a lefthanded and a right-handed parent a mixture of genes

designated 15+-, she says. The last group are the truly ambidextrous, but it appears from tests that the 15++ individuals are at the greatest disadvantage.

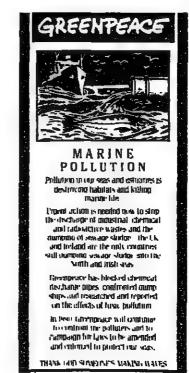
Dr Annett says this suggests that having one copy of the rs+ gene must be advantageous for human development, while having two must carry risks, or the gene would have spread throughout the population and eliminated



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Global warming and a thaw in East-West relations has stimulated polar research, reports Pearce Wright

The Arctic comes in from Cold War

n international team of scientists is proposing to deliberately freeze an oceanographic research ship into the Arctic Sea ice, off Siberia. Then it plans to make a unique set of measurements, probably taking two to three years, as underlying currents push the frozen surface, plus the trapped vessel, across the cap of the world.

At the same time, a revolutionary type of robot submarine will manoeuvre under the ice to begin systematic mapping of the hidden topography of the vast ice sheets that cover more than 20 million square kilometres in winter and 10 million in the summer.

The developments are among the future research projects under scrutiny at the first international meeting for scientists from all the 'The polar regions can be expected to provide the earliest evidence of change'

western and eastern bloc countries interested in the future of the Arctic, which began yesterday at the Scott Polar Research Institute at Cambridge University.

In the political tension between the East and the West of the past 40 years, the strategic importance of the Arctic Sea ice, which is the hideaway of many missile-carrying submarines, discouraged scientific co-operation.

While collaboration at the South Pole has flourished through the



Checking an ice buoy: its signal can be tracked by ship or satellite

Scientific Committee of Antarctic Research, the northern bemisphere above latitude 66 degrees 33 minutes has been under-researched.

A change of attitude has come with the threat of global warming, which has fortunately coincided with the thaw in international relations and stimulated a surge of interest in the Arctic.

Research by Dr Peter Wadhams, director of the Scott Polar, has revealed the first clear signs of a thinning of the sea ice. In an area of more than 300,000 square kilometres - twice the size of Britain of the Arctic Ocean north of Greenland, the ice thickness diminished by 15 per cent between 1976

He describes sea ice as "a thin and delicate skin separating the ocean from the atmosphere. It reflects most of the solar radiation falling on it, so helping to cool the planet's surface. If its area were reduced, the warming of the Earth would be accelerated due to the extra absorption of radiation by the ocean."

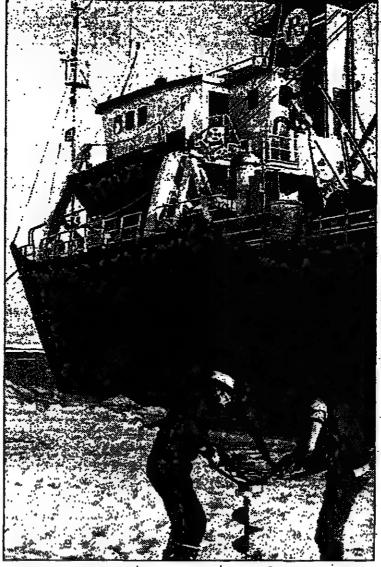
Wadhams adds: "Sea ice also takes part in a set of complex interactions with the ocean. including the produc-tion of bottom water by the sinking of surface water, which has been made more dense by the addition of salt from freezing.

"This sinking carries carbon dioxide into the deep ocean. If this process stopped, the world would ose one of its major oceanic carbon dioxide 'sinks' causing an acceleration of the greenhouse effect".

In addition to thinning of the sea. ice, Dr Wadhams said unusual events were being observed on the great continental ice sheets, covering Greenland and Antarctica to thicknesses of up to four to five

He said that while the stability of the great land ice sheets was not seriously doubted, there were breakouts along coastlines of giant icebergs many times the normal volume, and up to 80 miles long, from the ice thelves.

Dr Wadhams describes the polar regions as only one of the indicator areas of the world in which the climatic effects of man-made interference with the environment may



Scientists drill a hole in the ice: now they want to deep freeze a ship

be detected. But he emphasises that they are especially important because the magnitude of the warming is expected to be greatest at those latitudes, and the polar regions can be expected to provide the earliest evidence of significant

Dr Wadhams is proposing to a newly formed International Arctic Sciences Committee, representing all countries interested in the northern seas, that they should join in a World Polar Watch.

The work of individual groups measuring atmospheric and ocean circulations, the extent and thickness of sea ice, changes in ice sheets and associated biological effects,would be pooled to ensure the earliest warning was obtained of climatic change.

The Scott Polar Research Institute provides a focal point for the activities of a large number of British teams engaged in Arctic exploration, which includes drilling ice cores, installing buoys equipped with instruments that can be tracked over ranges of 15 to 20 miles by ship's radar or that transmit their measurements to satellites which relay the data to ground stations.

But one of the most remarkable ideas is to conduct a modern equivalent of an expedition conducted by the great Norwegian explorer, Nansen, who froze a ship in the Arctic ice in 1893.

A special egg-shaped vessel called the Fram was allowed to become trapped in the ice so that its drift could be followed between 1893-1896 to detect the underlying current which the explorer believed flowed directly across from one side of the pole to the other.

Since modern oceanographic ships cost thousands of pounds a day, the scientists are planning to equip an old vessel with the spaceage instruments needed to plumb the physics, chemistry and biology of the Arctic Occur.

Marriage and the Womble Factor

same as East Kent, hardly more than 20 miles away, the cultural and linguistic gulf is apparent even to a casual day-tripper.

Despite a thousand years of artistic and literary misings on the subject, nebody has worked out by the English differs from that of the French. The scientific answer is

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into a map and integrating all the information with a mattle statistical technique known as Wombling (it was developed in 1951 by W. H. Womble), they came up with a map that showed milies breaks in the otherwise smooth change in genetic constitution that sually goes with distance,

smoothness com imply, from the fact that two people who live in nt villages are more likely to meet and marry than if they live at opposite ends of the country. The malden breaks, highlighted by the Womble Factor, are us to the rule; the are tied with language and also reflect geographical barriers - like the Channel

Those who would rock to se work like this as an instrument of policy, though, should think again. That a difference of 20.7 per cent is no real escene for the Hambred Years' War can be shown by the most telling

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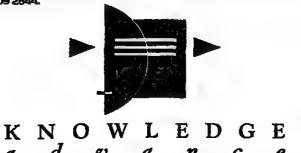
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remarkable technique for producing designer membranes has been developed by scientists which may make the daily pinta taste as rustic and flavoursome as if it were fresh from the cow.

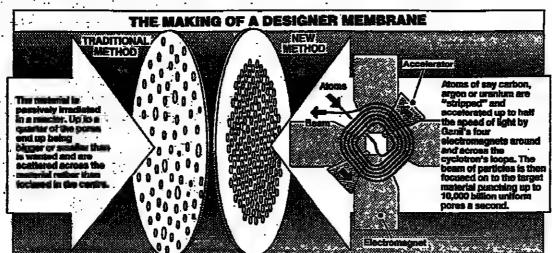
Aficionados of raw milk, including the Prince of Wales, argue that the heat treatment or the pas-teurization process not only kills micro-organisms such as salmonella and E. coli, but also impairs

The new method of membranemaking harnesses the microscopic hole-punching power of a cyclotron - a machine that can accelerate charged atoms into a fine, uniform beam. Its inventors claim that for the first time a reliable filter can be made, capable of sifting bugs from milk proteins and vitamins without heating.

Currently, membranes - ultrafine materials thinner than a human hair and used for separating contaminants from liquids and air - are purely statistical affairs. A one-micron membrane, which has holes about the thickness of two human hairs, will have pores mainly one micron in size. But up to a quarter, however, may be slightly larger or smaller.

On one hand this leads to unwanted particles passing holes; on the other it means higher

Nick Nuttall reports on a new filtration technique which could make unpasteurized milk safe to drink straight from the cow



than required pressures are needed to force a liquid through the smaller holes. The implication of these flaws in modern membrane making are not confined to

Ultra-filtration is becoming more important in the manufacoure of microchips with smaller and smaller features. The difficulties of making ultra-pure water often leads to factory lines having to shut down because of a filter's

failure, and up to a third of the chips made being rejected because of threes.

Pharmaceutical firms have similar problems, as do surgeons performing operations such as heart bypasses, where a patient's blood is filtered to avoid life-threatening clots returning to the circulatory system in the crucial days of recovery.

The push to develop artificial organs is also being hampered by

the shortfalls of modern membrane-making technology.

Researchers believe the new process will also have uses in the development of better food packaging — which could boost the shelf life of food by allowing it to breath more naturally — and in biotechnology and gas production.

The technique owes its genesis to work by French scientists at Ganil, the Grand National Accelerator for Heavy Ions, in Caen, Normandy. It has now been turned into a commercial reality by researchers at the Utah-based Biopore in the United States, which bought the rights to the technology along with access to the cyclotron at Ganil from the

French government. The advances in membrane reliability and consistency hinge on the way the cyclotron produces beams of heavy ions, such as argon, which are identical in size. Membrane-makers now have to rely on the passive irradiation of plastic polycarbonate, which is much less controlled.

In addition, the intensity of the cyclotron's beam of heavy ions can, uniquely, be altered for treating relatively thick materials of up to 100 microns, John Ptak, Biopore's president, explains. It includes the abilty to punch holes of between 0.01 and 4 microns in size in predetermined parts of a

Current passive methods create pores at the very edge of the material. When stretched, this often leads to microscopic tearing during the membrane's life causing a filtration malfunction and, ultimately, a breakdown in a company's production line.

A chemical etching technique that uses ultraviolet light can also endow the extra-thin pores with even more selective filtration

A storm in a laboratory jar

P hysicists at the University of Utah attacked cold fusion in their own backyard last week, reporting they found no signs of nuclear fusion in the device their chemist colleagues

unveiled a year ago.
Stanley Pons and Martin
Fleischmann rocked the scientific world when they announced at the University of Utah that they had created nuclear fusion in a laboratory jar at room-temperature. They said the process could be a source of cheap, clean energy.

In a study published last week in Nature, a 10-member team of Utah physicists and nuclear experts said it found "no evidence" of any known fusion reactions after monitoring four of Dr Pons's "cold fusion" devices for five weeks.

"During the time we were in his laboratory, there were no fusion processes occurring as we know them...There wasn't even a single 'peep'," Michael Salamon, an associate physics professor who headed the investigation, said.
"In my professional opinion — I

could be wrong and I hope I'm wrong—I don't think cold fusion is a real phenomenon. The evidence

Last autumn, researchers work-ing in consultation with Dr Fleischmann failed to reproduce the Utah findings and speculated scientific sloppiness may lie be-hind the original claim.

consisted of palladium and platinum electrodes in a jar of heavy water, made of oxygen and a form of bydrogen called deuterium.

When electricity was run through the jar, the chemists theorized deuterium and oxygen split, and the palladium electrode absorbed deuterium in such high concentrations that the atoms fused, releasing more energy in the form of heat than was put into the

In the new report, the physicists monitored the devices for signs of all known fusion reactions. No neutron, gamma ray or electron emissions were found to indicate the heat bursts reported by Drs Pons and Pleischmann steamer from fusion, they said.

For some reactions, radiation levels were "a thousand billion times smaller" than necessary for fusion. Dr Salamon said.

Even the unusual scenario in which the fusion by-product tritium is trapped in the palladium electrode should produce "strong and distinct" gamma rays, he said

Drs Pons and Fleischmann originally argued for fusion on the basis of their observations of what appeared to be excess gamma rays and neutrons. But Dr Salamon said that data did not hold up, leaving only claims of excess heat.

Drug trial on eggs



a drug pre-scribed for humans with high cholesterol. Researchers Robert Elkin and John Rogelero, cholesterol content of eggs without causing the hen to

Hacker tip-off

says. With the drug costing

£50 a gram, it is too expensive

for use by the egg industry,

though less expensive com-pounds may be developed.

Three Australian youths arrested earlier this week in Melbourne after a tip-off from the Federal Bureau of Investigation have been charged with breaking into computer systems in the United States and damaging data in government computers. Detective Superintendent Ken Hunt, vho headed the six-month investigation, said it was not unusual for Australian backers to spend up to 16 hours a day on their personal computers or on international calls of hair - discovered the charged to the companies whose computers they en-tered. In 1988, the US Secret Service investigated hacking into the Citibank computer system by an Australian-based hacker codenamed Phoenix who is believed to be one of those just arrested. Police think Phoenix may also be the same man who last month phoned The New York Times claiming to be the backer breaking into the US Internet network used by the military, orporations and universities.

Rabies foxed

Packets of ra-

bies vaccine

were dropped



by helicopter in France this week to begin a seven-month project aimed at reducing the disease among red foxes. Vaccination, both by air and ground, has cut deeply into epidemics among foxes in Switzerland, West Germany and The Netherlands, leaving France with the unwelcome reputation of being the rabies centre of Europe. Aerial experiments in 1989 achieved an 80 per cent immunization rate and this year, helicopters will dump almost 1 million vaccine doses, saturating 27,000 square miles of rabiesinfested territory. The frozen packets are composed of a rabies-vaccine capsule planted in a ball of fish powder. After

they thaw, the packets give off

an odour foxes find hard to

resist. "The fox thinks it's fish,

he eats it, and voile, he's

vaccinated," Philippe Brie, a

lechnician with the French

Rabies Bureau, says. "If they

BRIEFING

The launch of the space in a small lab-shuttle Discovery, carrying oratory study the £900-million Hubble by feeding hens a drug pre-brought forward by two days to next Tuesday. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration said techfrom the Purdue University in micians needed to use little of Indiana, have reported that the time allowed in the exhedhens fed with the drug ule for unforeseen contin-lovastatin produced eggs with gencies. The telescope, which I to 15 per cent less choles-will orbit 380 miles above the terol. "Unlike any drug pre- Earth for the next 15 years, viously tried, it appears that will be able to look seven lovastatin can reduce the times more deeply into space with greater clarity and to detect objects 50 times fainter produce fewer eggs or appear than the best ground-based ently without any residue of observatory. The telescope's the drug in the egg, Mr Elkin installation into the orbiter was delayed for two days last week after midges invaded a payload preparation room at the launch pad. Engineers feered the bugs might damage the sensitive instrument.



pressure. A study of 872 male conducted the study with the University of Naples.

A cooker that switches itself off when the milk boils over and a brick for irate viewers to throw at the televison w two of the ideas shown off this week at the annual Inventions Fair in Geneva. More than 1.000 inventions were on show, including a gas stove with a built-in electronic device which shuts it off in three seconds, bleeps when milk the flame. The "tantrum TV brick", on offer from the London-based Scientific Applied Research, is made of foam and contains a microchip

without waking.

have rabies, it's too late. But it

Early shuttle

Bald finding



factory workers around the Naples area - 278 of whom were defined as having a bald spot on the crown of their heads, 272 with receding hairlines and 321 with full heads cholesterol level of those with full heads of hair was 208 compared to 214 for the bald sample and a blood pressure of 87 compared to 89. "We are aware that these are not numbers that place men in a very high-risk category for developing coronary heart disease, but this may change as the men age," says Dr the men age," says Dr Maurizio Trevisan, an epidemiologist from the State University of New York, who

ideas for all

which transmits a message to

a receiver plugged into a television set that turns off the offending item when the brick hits the screen. Also on show was an anti-snoring device from Asia, called "ear peace". The device, the same size as a hearing aid, fits into the ear and emits a high-pitched sound of increasing intensity to disturb the snorer until he changes his breathing pattern

Matthew May

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Patching up your troubles

ost of us are vague about how drugs work, but we all think we know how to take them. Medicines are either swallowed, or, when quick results are needed, taken as an injection. Now all that is changing.

According to Professor Brian Barry, of the University of Bradford, taking traditional pills and tablets is "like flooding a skyscraper to extinguish a waste-bin fire on the top floor". It works, but it

is excessive and can be damaging. New drug-delivery methods concentrate on giving a constant, low dose, rather than the sudden "high" which follows when a traditional drug is swallowed or injected.

These controlled-release drugs will eventually transform the quality of life experienced by asthmatics. arthritics and those with heart

Work is under way to develop a diabetes treatment which will respond to individual blood-sugar levels. Most of these methods are just new ways of delivering established drugs into the body at a carefully controlled rate.

A contraceptive vaginal ring could be marketed in the next 12 to 18 months. It consists of a polymer ring containing the hormone commonly used in the contraceptive pill, levonorgetrel. The ring provides contraceptive protection for three months, using 30 per cent less hormone than low-dose pills.

Because hormones are proteins, part of their effect is lost when they are carried from the intestines to the liver. However, a vaginally delivered drug does not reach the liver until much later — after it has had a chance to work.

The Institute of Psychiatry, London, is testing nicotine skin patches and nasal sprays on people who wish to give up smoking.

Each morning, the smoker applies a new patch, and as he or she become less dependent, the nicotine dose is reduced. The nasal sprays are used by patients whenever they feel the need for a cigarette, and can be used up to 80 times a day.

However, according to Gay Sutherland, senior clinical psychologist at the institute, most people use the spray much less frequently. With both treatments, group therapy is also provided.

"Most patients find the spray rather aversive to start with, with some local irritation in the nose. They usually gain tolerance after a few days," Ms Sutherland says.

The sprays are intended to be used for three months. Some people manage to give up smoking using Doctors may soon be prescribing "magic bullets", Ann Kent reports



the spray before that time, while a small group have been allowed to continue for up to year where there was a serious risk that they would otherwise resume smoking.

A travel-sickness remedy, Scopoderm TTS, from Ciba-Geigy, is also in the form of a patch. It is stuck behind the ear - where the skin is thin - five hours before travelling, and lasts for up to 72 hours. A prescription is needed.

The same company also produces a daily patch, Transiderm-Nitro, which is worn by angina patients to prevent further attacks, and a natural oestrogen patch, which is changed every three to four days and used for menopause symptoms (hormone-replacement therapy).

All drugs pass from the intestine, via the blood, into the liver. In many cases, enzymes in the liver will digest most of the treatment before it has a chance to work. This means either that the drug cannot be given as a tablet, or undesirably high doses need to be taken.

The advantage of passing a drug through the skin — transdermal therapy — is that it does not enter the liver until much later, after it has had a chance to work. Not all diseases can be cured by patches. The skin is our natural barrier against infection and also acts as a barrier to many drugs.

Prof Barry, whose team is wor-king on new drug-delivery methods, says: "Transdermal therapy got a poor image after ridiculous claims were made in the mid-Eighties, when it was said that 70 per cent of all drugs would be taken through the

"In fact, you need powerful drugs with molecules small enough to pass through the skin, combined with a good reason why the treatment cannot be taken by mouth before you consider transdermal drugs. Hormones are good candidates because otherwise they tend to be broken down in the liver.

"It is likely that new patches will be developed which include painkillers, and male hormone for men with fertility problems. Skin patches for the treatment of Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's (senile dementia) are also being considered, although new drugs will need to be developed to put into the patches, and that could take years.

"One problem which is often overlooked is that some of these drugs produce quite a sévere reaction on the patient's skin, and you can't predict in advance who these patients will be.

"The positioning of the patches tends to be psychological rather than logical — below the bikini line for hormone replacement, near the Prof Barry's team is working on a

low-release version of two antiarthritis drogs, ibuprofren and naproxen, which are in the form of film which alowly absorbs water once it reaches the gut.

The water gets through to the drug, which dissolves and is slowly released through the coating. Each peliet releases the treatment at a different time, according to the structure and thickness of the outer

layer of polymer.
Some controlled-release products are already on the market, including Volmax for asthma and the Continus system for treating moderate to severe pain, angina, asthma, and vitamin and mineral deficiencies. However, the race is on to improve on the methods of delivery.

The Ocusert is a tiny device smaller than a contact leas which is inserted just under the eyelid and can gradually release a week's supply of eye drops for glaucoma. Neil Graham, professor of pure and applied chemistry at the

University of Strathclyde, expects to see the advent of drugs which are sensitive to the glucose levels in a diabetic's bloodstream and which will release insulin accordingly.

The problem with insulin and with all the products from the biotechnology revolution is that they can easily be digested before they have a chance to work. Putting them in a polymer carrier is one way of getting around the problem."

Some patients with prostate cancer are now given a 28-day drug implant as an alternative to daily injections or surgery.
The drug Zoladex is incorporated

in a polymer carrier the size of a large grain of rice, and injected just under the skin of the abdomen. The carrier is gradually broken down by the body as the drug, an anti-hormone, is slowly released.

ven the ultimate of the hitech treatments - the "magic builets" - can be improved by attachment to a polymer. The magic bullet consists of a laboratorygrown antibody armed with a drug treatment which will latch on to a Prof Graham explains: "If you

use a water-soluble polymer to carry the magic bullet, you can load the antibody with much more of the drug. This means you are increasing the dose while reducing harmful effects on other parts of the body."
He says the most exciting dev-

elopment to come will be pulsedsystem delivery methods, which release their drugs at pre-set times. This would be particularly useful for the forgetful, or those who need continuous drug therapy while they sleep. But at present, the pulsed tiny pellets, coated with a polymer systems are a closely guarded secret. JOBSCENE

The case of the missing staff

Well-paid jobs abound for those with the latest software-engineering skills

I he demand for information technology staff
with experience of the latest generation of software eering technologies is outstripping supply.

Average rates of more than £50,000 a year are being paid to freelance staff with these skills while independent consultants can command fees of up to £120,000. Salaries for permanent positions are 20 per cent higher than average and can go up to £60,990 for the considerat.

rising in the consultant with a couple of years' Case with a couple of years' Case to five years in the IT industry. Behind the trend is adoption is complex and requires a different Companies are turning to

We came from a traditional development background like. thousands of other users, and we don't have all the skills," says one IT manager using the technology for the first time.

Computer-services comparties are rushing to support these users, but are also finding it difficult to recruit

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Mr Gardner says contract rates of between £1,000 and £1,400 a week are available for analysts specializing in Case, but this can go to £500 to £600 a day for those "at strategy level", who can advise companies on implementation.

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"We could always do with more Case stuff as there is a significant increase in deresearch and developm now it is right across the spectrum from financial firms to manufacturing. And the houses are crying out for staff," Mr Steinbausea.says.

He reports that a pro-grammer with one year's Case experience could earn between £18,000 to £20,000 rising to £35,000 for the consultant

adoption by many govern-ments of the Structured Sys-tems Analysis and Design Mathod CSSADMI standard for software development. It has aiready widely used by

Edward Yourdo, writing in his book Modern Structured Analysis, says that while only 10 per cent of businesses are using these techniques, more than half will be by 1995.

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the Case bandwagon will find it difficult to find training says David Pairbairn, n ing director of James Martin Associates (9784 245058). He reports that an advertise for Case staff brought 750 responses, of which four were selected by his firm. Those with Case experi-

ence are in a comm position in career terms and will be for some time to come.
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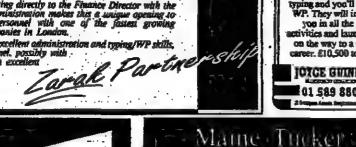
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Multi-million-pound fight on all fronts

Life has improved for Britain's 100,000 Parkinson's victims, who now have their own help group

arkinson's Disease, which afflicts more than 100,000 people in Britain today, has been known since biblical times and was definitively described more than 170 years ago by the eponymous surgeon-apothecary, lames Parkinson.

Yet the Parkinson's Disease Society (PDS), which helps Parkinson's sufferers with information on the condition and by raising funds for research projects, is only 21

The society began in an imost haphazard fashion almost when in the late 1960s Mari Jenkins, a successful businesswoman, found that one of her elder sisters, Sarah, had developed Parkinson's Disease.

Miss Jenkins was astonished to discover there was no society for Parkinsonian patients and their families, so she set one up.

Two decades later the society has about 40,000 members, raises about £2 million a year, and has 160 branches. Another 40 branches are being estab
"Charities provide someting in the understanding of the possible causes of the disease and in innovative treatments such as brain cell transplantation, which researchers hope concerns of the

society, says An-'We cannot thony Kilmister, allow vital its executive director, is providresearch to ing accurate information and go by default advice for sufferers. The prognofor want sis for patients is of funding' vestly improved Parkinson's

Disease does not nowadays search goes by default for want normally shorten their lives but being told that they have Parkinson's can still knock patients for six and often leave them unable to take in what the doctor is saying.

Mr Kilmister says: "I doubt if they would hear the rest of what the doctor says after hearing those magic words. They go home and think, 'My God, am I going to die from it? What about my children?"

Information in layman's language can quickly dispel those fears. "It enables people to say, 'I'm not going to die answer.'

from this. It's not a killer', Mr Kilmister says. "Life expectancy is normal. Whereas in days gone by it was not normal, people now live the same life span as the

normal population. These medical facts can then be backed up by welfare help advice to sufferers and carers about the financial and other types of benefits that are

The society also funds research. It is backing projects at many British universities and research centres.

The work covers everything from implants of foetal tissues into the Parkinsonian brain, in the hope that the youthful cells will "rewire" the brain, to the study of chemically induced Parkinson's Disease.

This year it is trying to raise £2.5 million over and above its normal income to pay for a huge research drive into the

lished. One of the prime search Council, universities and other statu-

tory bodies account for about 40 per cent. This is a total reversal of the sort of percentages that obtained a few years ago. We cannot allow a situation to arise where vital medical remay effectively give sufferers'

definitive cause of Parkin-

Professor Peter Jenner,

head of the pharmacology group in the biomedical sci-

ences division of King's Coll-

ege, London, who is a leading

researcher in the field, sug-

FIRST, he says, it may be

something to do with the

ageing of the nervous system.

clearly to influence the disease

Parkinson's tend to be over 40

and the chances of contracting

in the number of cells in your brain with age," Professor Jenner says. "One of the

hypotheses put forward is that

Parkinson's may be an acceleration of this ageing

The only factor that appears

Most people who develop

There is a gradual decline

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of funding. We want more from the Government and more from the public. We want both, not either/or."

The society is adopting something of a scatter-gun approach to research, spreading available resources across a wide spectrum of projects. Last year it spent nearly £750.000 on research.

"We want to put our money on all the horses," Mr Kilmister explains. "Any one of a whole range of investigations could come up with the



Playing a part: Professor Jenner has a blood test himself in the interests of research

EFFECTS AND TREATMENTS

The disease: Parkinson's is a disorder of the central nervous system. It produces symptoms system. It produces symptoms affecting movement and speech. A key factor is a shortage of the chemical messenger dopamine in the brain but scientists have still not found the definitive cause. The symptoms: The three The symptoms: The three main symptoms are (a) tremor (b) rigidity and (c) slowness of movement. (a) Tremor is usually worst when the patient is at rest. It disappears when he is asleep and is usually less when the patient is performing a voluntary movement. Amdety makes the tremor worse (b) makes the tremor worse. (b) Rigidity, or stiffness of the musicles, is less abvious them tremor but often more

chain, then the dopamine cells

Professor Jenner says that

studies on post-mortem brains

factoring buttons become difficult. (c) Slowness of movement means walking is an effort. In more severe cases affort. In more severe cases
the patient may have a quick,
shuffling step with the body
bent forward. The symptoms
may occur alone or in
combination and in one or
more parts of the body. incidence: Parkinson's is believed to affect more than 100,000 people in Britain alone. The average age of onset is about 55 but one in seven patients contracts it in the thirties and forties. The Royal College of Physicians estimates that two in every 1,000 of the population are sufferers. Over the age of 60 the incidence rises to one in

says, "is that once you implant these foetal cells in the brain

they start to send out perve

fibres, which then replace the

patient's own fibres that have

that you have the same

conduction going on as would

experimentally, and research-

ers are starting to implant

foetal cells into patients with

Parkinson's Disease. The

difficulty has been," Professor

suggesting amazing cures oc-

curring days or weeks after

with a very large pinch of sait,

Experimental studies show

that any real improvement

would probably take at least

six months before it was observable. "A lot of studies have confused the issue," he

says. "A lot of patients' hopes-

But with that strong caveat

have been raised, prematurely

Professor Jenner points to impressive work being done in

Sweden by Dr Oile Lindvall at

the University Hospital, Lund. One of Dr Lindvall's

petients - a recipient of foetal

in my view."

Professor Jenner thinks.

The transplant method has

occur in a normal person."

"They 'rewire' the brain so

died off.

yet, but treatment can relieve many of the symptoms.
The most widespread becamen involves the drug. invodopa. Lavodopa is the precursor of dopamine, the message chanical that help to transmit electrical message from one cell to the next. It is administered by mouth and can restore the dopaming law towards normal. Before levodopa many patients were severely disabled or dead: within 10 years of the onset of the disease. With modern levodopa treatment, and other therapy, life expectancy is more or less the same as that of a similar age matched to of a similar age matched population. Most patients can ramain gainfully employed and lead active lives for

cure in the next 10 years'

will die.

also produces the clinical have shown that in the

The drugs that help

The symptoms of Parkinson's Disease are ameliorated by treatment with drugs such as levodopa but after a while their

effectiveness becomes less. The patient has to take more of the

drug at more frequent intervals. He may also develop some

Because of this doctors prefer to withhold levadopa therapy in

Scientists doing research into the disease are optimistic now that so Parkinson's Disease vet but scientists many projects are increasing the knowledge of the neurologists believe that there could be within five or 10 years. Their optimism is into the mitochondria and act the more intriguing one," he based on important advances process such that you get tion of MPTP leads to a at a specific place in the energy in the understanding of the down to a critical number

> oms earlier than you would do by the natural It is an interesting idea, Professor Jenner says, but there is not, in reality, a lot of

below which you develop the

No one factor has yet been isolated as the (or even a) evidence for it. SECOND, there is the soson's, but there are a number

called toxic insult hypothesis. This suggests that at some time in our life, probably even in the womb, an environmental toxin or some other form of poison gets into the brain and kills off dopamine neurones. These are the nerve cells that contain dopamine, the chemical messenger that carries electrical messages from one cell to the next.

Apparently strong evidence for the toxic insult theory came to light dramatically a few years ago when an American neurologist, Bill Langston, spotted a group of drug adicts who suddenly developed Parkinsonian symptoms.

He found that they had all taken a derivative of pethidine, which had been contaminated with another substance, MPTP. "We now know," Professor

utlents with early Parkinson's until the severity of the disability

destruction of dopamine cells

in the brain. In other words, it

mimics the pathology of

Parkinson's Disease and it

administration of a substance called deprenyl seems to have a clear delaying effect, so levodopa is not needed so soon. of Parkinson's substantia nigra, the area where the dopamine cells are,

The flaw in the suggestion that MPTP might be directly involved in Parkinsonism is that the chemical is not widespread in the environment. Most people would never be exposed to it. So researchers have instead started looking for substances that are chemi-

cally related to MPTP.

"Ît's a simple molecule," Professor Jenner says. "It has got a simple structure and if you look at many other molecules that occur naturally or in our environment that structure is contained within many of those molecules. So it is sible that there is a whole structure out there

Another problem with the toxic insult hypothesis is that if there was a toxin in the environment you might ex-pect pockets of Parkinson's Disease in the population where the toxin was present in particularly high concentra-tions. But in practice you do not get that. You do not get epidemics of Parkinson's

"So we do not think it's environment alone," Professor Jenner says. "It may be that there is also some component of genetic susceptibility to toxins of that kind. There is evidence that people with Parkinson's Disease are less able to break down some toxins that could come into the body."
THIRD, there is a particu-

larly intriguing line of research suggesting that MPTP may be telling us not so much about itself or similar chemicals but about precisely why the brain cells are vulnerable to insults. "A lot of time has been spent looking at how MPTP works," Professor Jenner says, "and we now know that it's not toxic itself, but it is metabolized to another substance, which we call MPP+, and that substance is taken up by mitochondria, which are the power houses of the cells, the energy suppliers of the cells. It poisons the

What that tells the scientists is that if something can get

Jenner says, "that many of the Now there may be a way to delay the need for treatment even longer. A clinical trial in the United States has shown that studies that have been undertaken to date have been relatively uncontrolled." Patients' stories in the Press

> there was evidence of an ongoing toxic process He says: "When we looked even closer we found that there was a lot of evidence that the mitochondria, these powerhouses, were impaired. And when we looked even closer again we found that the impairment was in exactly the same place as that produced

> by MPTP. "So MPTP may not be the cause itself but it may have shown us the mechanism by which these cells are dving. Drugs such as levodopa and

most recently deprenyl (see toms of Parkinson's Disease But what about a cure, some thing that will not just ameliorate the effects of the disease but stop the disease itself?

that the greatest hope lies with the transplant of foetal brain cells into the brains of Parkinsonian patients, but he thinks there may also be another possibility - finding ways of protecting the mitochondria against toxic insults. He sums up the two possibil-

 Mitochondria protectio There are a number of different ways the mitochondria might be protected. One is to boost the mitochondria's own defence mechanisms against toxins, either altering the composition of the mitochondrial membranes, or interfering in the mitochondria's energy

In addition to their own are in discussion with several drugs companies, which think they might have substances that would protect the mitochondria or alter their

• Foetal transplants. There are two possibilities here, Professor Jenner says. The first is that the foetal cells growing within the brain of producing dopamine, which is then showered in a spray-like effect over the other neurones. "The second possibility and cells - is showing a significant

Scanning of the subject now. shows dopamine containing cells in his brain that were not there before surgery. ://

"So in this one particular man there is good evidence that something is happening." Professor Jenner says. "It may well be that as these cells grow you will see a bigger parch of cells in his brain and his improvement will increase and increase."

Even if the transplants work well in human patients. Professor Jenner says, we aiready been shown to work must still be cautious about claiming cures.

These people have a dis-ease process going on which has killed off their own dompanine neurones." says. "We do not know that the same disease process will not also kill off the new

The power of the rewiring, then, may not be great enough transplant should be taken to counter the disease. "We know it is a technique

that will experimentally work. Professor Jeant's says. "What we do not know is how. a whole range of factors would affect its clinical application. "That is the problem at the

present time and that is why I say five to 10 years, because it seems to me that although we clearly need to proceed with transplantation in humans, to look at some of these factories it is not going to be the paracea that people are hoping for until we have goes through this period of trial and

Parkinson's Disease

Ever since James Parkinson first described the 'shaking palsy' which now bears his name, medical science has sought ways to combat this distressing and disabling condition.

A chemical imbalance

The discovery that there is a chemical imbalance in a specific part of the brain was an important first step towards developing a treatment. Restoring the balance has not proved to be a straightforward process. The chemical which is tacking, dopamine, cannot pass into the brain easily when given by mouth.

Can be helped

At Merck Sharp & Dohme, in the 1960s, scientist found they could overcome this problem by giving a natural precursor of dopamine, which crosses readily into the brain where it is converted to dopamine. When combined with a special inhibitor substance its effectiveness is markedly improved, as more precursor can enter the brain before it is destroyed by the body's own enzymes.

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MSD has concentrated its worldwide research into diseases of the brain and nervous system at its Neuroscience Research Centre here in the UK, MSD scientists are working towards a better understanding of Parkinson's Disease and its causes. The goal of this research is to provide relief for sufferers and ultimately to find a cure for Parkinson's Disease.

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zen brains in its the illness." central London brain bank. Half of them are the brains of people who died with the disease. The other half come from people who died without any known neurological disorder.

The healthy tissue is just as important as the Perkinsonian tissue because it provides scientists with control material for their studies.

The brains are vital to the search for the causes and the cure of Parkinson's Disease, says Dr Andrew Lees, the neurologist who is co-director of the bank.

"If one looks at the story of Parkinson's Disease so far," he says, "many of the major advances in our understanding have come from studying post-mortem tissue. For example, at the beginning of the itury it was discovered that

he Parkinson's Dis- Parkinson's Disease and that 8 per cent of people who nearly 400 deep-fro- to the site of the problem in cal problems while they were

solution of formaldehyde in Lewy bodies. water; the other is frozen. The ... It now appears that this pickled half is used in oldshioned histological studies, which look at the nerve cells. The frozen half is used for such things as chemical

sues has led to several recent

One piece of research suggests there may be many more people at risk of Parkinson's Disease than had previously been thought.

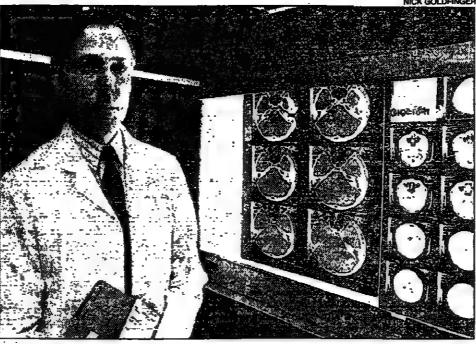
been investigating the pres-ence of so-called Lewy bodies

in the brain cells. The buil's-eye-shaped Lewy bodies are among the key markers for the disease. But Lewy bodies have also been found, Dr Lees says, in about

ease Society has really gave us the first clue as showed no signs of neurologialive. The researchers wanted Donated brains arrive at the to know whether there might brain bank in two halves. One half is pickled in formalin, a called "normal" brains with

> group has a considerable cell loss in the substantia nigra, plicated in Parkinsonism. The loss. Dr Lees says, is not as salvels. great as in patients with Study of post-mortem tis- Parkinson's Disease, but greater than that in "controls" without Lewy bodies. The brains have a de-

ficiency of the essential chemical messenger dopamine that seems to be intermediate between the deficiency suffered by Parkinson's patients and that of the controls without Lewy bodies. "This is quite persuasive evidence to argue that we may be dealing with the tip of the iceberg in Parkinson's Disease and that there are up to 8 per cent of ordinary elderly people who, if



Vital organs: Dr Lees with sections of the donated brains that are used for research

e," Dr Loes says

"If we all lived to be 100 and our studies are right, then you might say that as many as one in 10 might get the disease. The prevalence at the moment is about one in 100, so there might be 10 times more people at risk than actually get the disease with the age at which we all die at the

times also show up in the nerve cells of other organs of the body, the brain bank is now asking donors to give additional tissues from, for

they had lived longer, would example, the spinal cord, the have gone on to develop the adrenal glands and the

Dr Lees says that the society's brain bank is probably unique in that patients bequeath their tissues while they

"This avoids many of the difficulties of obtaining material at death," he says. "They let their spouses, relatives and solicitors know that they want to do this while they are still living."

Research can be done on the brain tissue only if it is in perfect physiological condition when it arrives at the hank, so a sophisticated coun-

try-wide network has been set up to ensure safe delivery. After a donor has completed a bequest form, the family doctor is asked to refer the patient to a consultant neurologist in the "Parkinson's Disease Research Group". After this first

patient dies. When the brain arrives it is accompanied by a mass of data about the donor collected over the years.

examination the case is re-

viewed once a year until the

Lees says. "I think we do that better than any other brain bank. We've got good clinical documentation here.

Parkinson's Disease Society.

to help other senior people in the City and industry who

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end of the world'."

Meanwhile, he quietly tries

He says: "I think I'm able to

help. I say, 'Look, reassure your wife. Your lifestyle's not

going to change. There are certain things that will be

more difficult, but it is not the

gave his name to the 'palsy' ne of the less well wrote, giving a description known facts about that could hardly be bettered known facts about James Parkinson, the two centuries later, consists of surgeon-apothecary after whom Parkinson's Disease is named - although Parkinson himself simply called it the shaking palsy — is that in 1794 he was examined on oath before the Privy Council in connection with the so-called

A radical who

Pop-gun Plot". The plot was an alleged conspiracy to assassinate George III in the theatre by means of a poisoned dark

It seems an odd sort of business for any medical man to become mixed up in, but then Parkinson was no ordinary medic.

He was a geologist and palaeontologist of note and something of a radical intellectual as well, forever pamphleteering, either anonymously or under the nom de plume "Old Hubert", against

social inequality.
It was this radical activity that led to the problem of the Pop-gun Plot.

Many radical thinkers and professionals in the late 18th century banded themselves together into secret discussion groups called

"corresponding societies" and it no ordinary was one of these, the London Corresponding Society, of which Parkinson was a a plot to member. This society found it-

the alleged plot to kill George III and start a the thigh." Parkinson died in revolution. The affair seemed 1824, but it was to be a to cool Parkinson's reforming

self implicated in

According to the consultant neurologist Dr Gerald Stern in his preface to an important new book on Parkinson's Disease*. "he ceased to write pamphlets and directed his energies towards matters scientific and medical

The work for which Parkinson is now remembered is, of course, his "Essay on the Shaking Palsy", which was published in 1817. The book was and still is a classic of fucidity. The disease, he

"involuntary tremulous motion, with lessened muscular power, in parts not in action and even when supported; with a propensity to bend the trunk forwards, and to pass from a walking to a running pace: the senses and the intellect being uninjured".

The quintessence of Parkinson's genius. Dr Stern suggests, was the down-to-carth but still rare ability to separate the wood from the trees.

Parkinson was never one of the leaders of his profession, Dr Stern says. He was just a humble surgeon-apothecary, a side of him that is brought out nicely in Dr Stern's preface, where he describes the book Dangerous Sports, which was published by Parkinson in 1800 as a guide for his

In the book Parkinson warns young children about wanton, careless or mischievous behaviour which alarming injuries so often proceed". Dr Stern says: "Parkinson warns boys never

to scare horses Parkinson was and tells them how to cope with medic - he was ferocious dogg questioned over never climb ming in deep water, play with kill the king' pistols or close a

number of years after his death that he achieved lasting

It was Charcot, the famous French neurologist, noted for his attempt, using hypnotism, to find an organic cause for hysteria, who finally immortalized Parkinson in 1884 by rechristening the shaking palsy Parkinson's Disease, in a tribute to the man who discovered so much about it.

* Parkinson's Disease, edited by Gerald Stern, is published by Chapman and Hall at £79.

up, walked over to the door

The patient raises the cash Philip Young, chairman of the PDS Appeal Working

Party that is trying to raise £2.5 million for research over and above the society's frightening. Mr Young immediately began what he calls formal intake of funds, is imself a Parkinson's sufferer. the "numbers game", a cu-The disease struck him un-

usually young, in the early 1980s, when he was 45. He was destined for one of the most senior jobs at the National Westminster Bank, and had just completed a course at Harvard Business School. One day, after a pardening session, he could not keep his left arm still. There was a tremor. His doctor and a colleague examined him. All he could catch from their conversation was murmured greement about something called the raichet effect. He recalls: "The doctor got

with me and said, 'They can treat these things with drugs these days, you know'." The realization that he might have more than a slight problem was disconcerting and the A City high-flyer who decided to be positive and help other sufferers

phemistic way of saying he tried to work out how long he

He says: "Most people, when they've been diagnosed do this because there is a lot of misinformation about Parkinson's Disease. Nowadays you live your normal lifespan. At one time you would probably live only seven years. Naturally, I did those calculations based on misinformation and I was terribly depressed for about a week to a point where I think I could have done something pretty damaging to myself. I had never felt depressed like that in my life

through with the help of his wife, Christine, a head teacher. "I went to her school,

through," he says. He decided the only way he could cope was to bury himself in work and other activities so that be would not have time to think.

A couple of months later he

contacted the Parkinson's Disease Society and found the prognosis was much more optimistic - and the elation was enormous. Mr Young's own contribution to the society now is helping to organize the special research funds appeal. He has persuaded Lord Alexander, the NatWest chairman, to chair a highpowered appeal committee that will gently twist corporate arms for large cheques and to in the Swiss Alps.

He is his own best advertisement. When his wife found she had breast cancer three years ago, it could have de-pressed him. Instead it gave him added resolve to get on with life. One method he chooses is skiing - "black runs", the toughest grade of ski run, such as the Schilthorn

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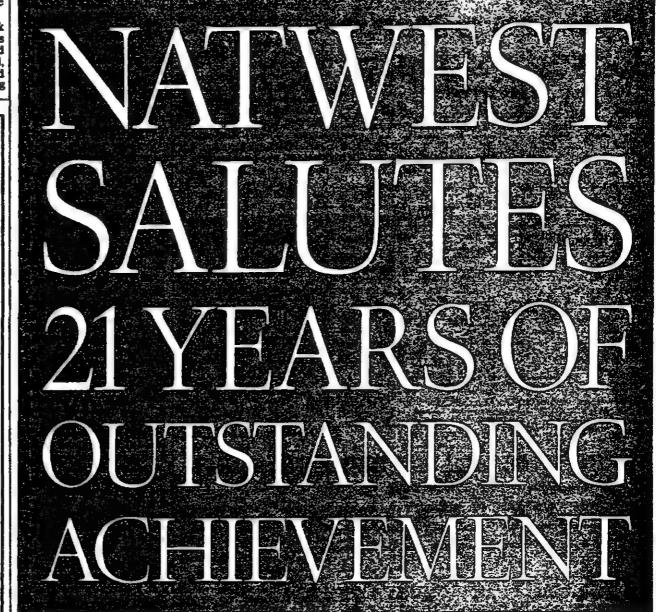
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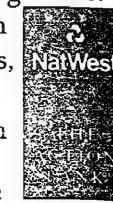


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Feathers fly over the Games' golden goose Back

Atlanta
THE United States Olympic Committee (USOC) is in a cleft stick. set by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for all candidate cities by an April 15 deadline will disqualify Atlanta's bid to host the Games of 1996.

At the heart of the dispute — so far courteously discussed in discreet committee rooms — is an issue which could split the Olympic movement and kill the goose that lays the Olympic golden egg: the American television rights. The USOC believes it should receive more than the 10 per cent to which it agreed between the Games of Los Angeles and Seoul; already worth a massive \$40 million from NBC's \$400 million deal with Barcelona for 1992. Richard Pound, a Montreal

lawyer and IOC member who

problem is defuse, but growing."
It is expected that USOC will sign the undertaking, within the existing Charter, by April 15 to protect Atlanta, but that the dispute will develop after September's vote in Tokyo, whichever city wins. Moreover, there is real uncertainty, even among the main television networks, about the whole future of sport's television coverage, especially since the re-cent large, and some think absurd, \$3.6 billion deal by networks and cable with the National Football League (NFL) for four years.

There is a fundamental moral issue in the USOC/IOC argument: to whom does the advertising revenue arising from the screening of the Games belong? The IOC reasons that television purchases the rights, that the money legiti-mately belongs to the Olympic

gesture to USOC is generous.
USOC, in a nationalistic stance believes the rights fee is "American" money, and there is fear in Olympic circles that if USOC makes sufficient first, the US Congress may seek to impose a tariff restricting the "export" of the rights fee. Pound believes the view is illegally based. "At the moment people are bouncing off the wall trying to find a solution,"

Leading the USOC nationalism is John Krimsky, a hard-nosed fund raiser. Robert Helmick, the USOC president, and recently elected to the IOC executive board, supports Krimsky's view, but is careful that his opinion does not surface too forcefully because he sees himself - though not many others do at present - as a potential successor to Juan Anto-

Pound says.

nio Samaranch as president of IOC, Anti-Americanism is a latent factor in many Olympic decisions. William Payne, the president of the Atlanta committee, who is caught in the crossfire, has done much to promote, by his amiable manner, the first bid from the American south, which represents, as he rightly says, a popula-tion several times bigger than all the other candidate cities, and bigger even than their countries. Payne's low-key charm and innocence has made Atlanta's wealth seem appealling rather than

I don't think USOC has a right to tell the IOC what to do," Payne says, "but neither does the IOC have the right to treat USOC just like any other national Olympic commines. What I do know is that if the Olympic Games become just another dollar battle, we won't see ment of men like Andrew Young and Charlie Battle [Atlanta's former mayor and Payne's vice president, respectively], like Bob Scott, of Manchester, and Paul Henderson, of Toronto, men who believe in the intrinsic virtue of bringing an Olympic Games to

their city. The Games do belong to the IOC, but on trust."

In an attempted pre-emptive move, which will be ignored, USOC has offered to manage the worldwide television rights for a payment to the IOC of \$500

It is possible that Manchester's allowance in their planned budget for 1996 of \$400 million for American rights is too high: in spite of the recent NFL deal, there is a conviction that television sports interest will continue to fall. Furthermore, with the public now

nobody knows how the American audience will react in 1992 to the first Olympic coverage on video recording – because of the time difference with Europe – since the Munich Games of 1972 (Moscow having been a wipe out).

The speed of the shift towards cable and pay-per-view cannot be calculated, but will be substantial in the United States by 1996. Atlanta has calculated its figure, even in prime time schedule, on a network fee of only \$550 million. There are now 80,000 cable systems in the United States, and "zap-TV" - instant channel switching by remote control— means that no viewer is any longer tied in to one channel by a special event he/she wants to view.

The huge networks' payments to NFL have been made because

to be left out: CBS, \$1.1 billion; ABC, \$750 million; and two main cable stations, ESPN and Turners TBS \$450 million each. Yet NBC los money on their \$300 million deal for Seoul (made good by free time to advertisers in lieu-of low ratings) and NBC has gambled with the \$400 million Barcelona deal on expected re-sale to pay.

The future of Olympic television coverage also depends on Samaranch's successor, will be, or she like Samaranch, believe in the necessity of mass television coverage, rather than pay-per-view should that be more rewan from a smaller audience, so that the inspiration of the Games is accessible to every schoolchild who cannot afford private

YACHTING

New Zealanders in personal battle at head of the fleet

THOSE apparently uncatchable ketches, Fisher & Paykel and Steinlager 2, continued to draw inexorably away from their pursuing sloops yesterday as the van of the Whitbread Round the World Race fleet tramped steadily past the curving chain of islands that fringes the Caribbean sea, and headed for

With just 1,000 miles left the race has now become an almost private nip-and-tuck affair between the Kiwis, with hours. Yesterday, first Steinlager, then Fisher & Paykel, then Steinlager again held first place, and at noon Steinlager 2 was just eight miles in front of her rival.

Rothmans continue doggodly to hold on to third place, but each day of these trade winds produced conditions better and better suited to the twomasted boats. The design predictions say that in such sailing the ketches should pull

CHAY Blyth yesterday launched a search for budding Lawrie Smiths to skipper 12

identical 67-foot round the world race curters, presently under construction for the 1992 British Steel Challenge.

The former circumnavigator said: "We are looking for keen machiness and women with

said: "We are looking for keen yachtsmen and women with deep-sea racing experience to lead the 12 crews who have already signed up for the sevenmenth voyage. They must be high achievers, aged between 28 and 50, and have, as a minimum, an RYA Yachtmaster's Offshore certificate."

Crew places in the race, which

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steers the same course against the prevailing winds and cur-rents that Blyth pioneered singlehanded 19 years ago, have been so heavily oversubscribed

that the programme has been increased to include two extra

yachts, and more may yet be

Each prospective skipper will

be interviewed by Blyth before

undertaking a seven-day trial with him aboard British Steel II,

sloops, and yesterday they again did just that: Rothmans dropped a further 10 miles to be now 64 miles behind the race leader, 56 miles behind

The bad news for the British is that Pierre Felhmann, further south and still more firmly in the trade wind belt, is for the moment managing to keep pace with the ketches he lost only two miles to them yesterday - and is slowly closing on Smith. At noon yesterday, Merit was within 18 miles of Rothmans.

Merit's gain may be illusory. As the leaders move north they sail into bands of lighter winds, which permits those astern apparently to Lawrie Smith and catch-up: but then they too will be in the light winds.

Although the distances be-tween the boats decreases, the time interval stays constant because each is sailing a slower speed. This happened yesterday even to Steinlager, but by evening Blake was

the first of the David Thomas designed cutters. "We are look-

designed cauers. "We are sour-ing particularly for good seamanship and racing skills and a determination to push the boats as hard as possible," Blyth

Next winter, the selected skip-

Next winter, the selected skip-pers, prospective crews and their boats will be put through their paces from a base in the Mull of Kintyre, where con-ditions, Blyth says, are very similar to Cape Horn.

"It is important for all the

trews that they are fully trained to meet the tough challenge of beating round Cape Horn into the teeth of the Roaring Forties. We have a comprehensive training programme scheduled for all

crews starting later this year to ensure that each knows exactly

what they are letting themselves in for — and can cope with the challenge ahead of them."

Prospective skippers should apply directly to Chay Blyth, The British Steel Challenge,

inmans House, 12 London Road, Sheet, Petersfield, Hamp-

Blyth starts search

for super skippers

By Barry Vickthall

again in firm breeze and picking up speed. One ketch which is not fulfilling the design predictions is the Swedish yacht, The Card. Despite having the mizren mast she lost at the start of the fourth leg replaced in Punta, before the start of this fifth leg, The Card can still make no impression on the single-masted Satquote Brit-

ith Defender.

Yesterday she was 46 miles adrift of the services crew exactly the deficit of the day before. Rigorous efforts wen made in Punta by Colin Watkins and his crew to lighten Defender for this leg and these, combined with crew changes and a further climb up the learning curve, have so far paid handsome dividends. Defender is a. consistent fifth, her best performance in the race to date by some way.

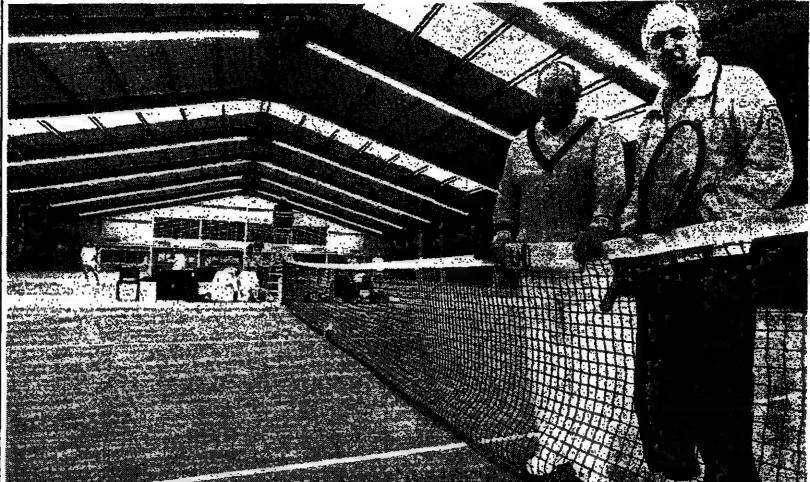
Tracy Edwards's British yacht, Maiden, remains in fourth place, nine miles behind the West German entry, Schlussel von Bremen (Barry Pickthall writes). In a report to The Times yesterday, Ed-wards said that they had been slowed by further problems

their boots "A four-inch crack has developed close to the vang terminal, a problem experienced with most of the Sparcraft booms in this race," she said. "We've watched the crack lengthen every day, but hope to have put a stop to it now by boiting an alloy plate over the damage. Dawn Riley has done a splendid job with

the repair.

LATEST POSITIONS (conspiled at 14.03GMT, with miles to go to Fort Laurence and Debugs, 1.5 Service 2.09 States, 12.1.171; 2. Fisher & Paylot (5 Delson, NZ), 1.085; 3. Rothmans (L. Bratts, GS), 1.141; 4. Mert (F. Fellmann, Switz), 1.189; 5. Suppose Brian Debugs, 1.86; 1.181; 6. The Cord (1 Manon, Switz), 1.281; 7. NCS switz), 1.189; 5. Suppose Brian Debugs, 1.281; 9. USF Firstand (1. Ingval, Fin), 1.380; 10. Belmont Finland (1. Hysel, Fin), 1.382; 11. Fortune Edra Lights (1. delse Ganders, Sp.), 1.471; 12. Chartes Jourdan (A. Gabbey, Fr), 1.427; 13. Fizziei (Y. Alexsev, USSR), 1.567; 14. Liverpool Enterprise (B. Salmon, GS), 1.711; Devision S. 1. Exprit de Liberté (F. Taberly, Fr), 2.085; 2. Rusandr Sport (B. Dubois, Bel), 2.118; 3. Schlussel von Bremen (Dr. P. Weldner, WG), 2.382; 4. Malden (T. Edwards, GS), 2.377; 8. La Poete (B. Malle, Fr), 2.462; Cruteer distance 1. Conjoint of Mallem (1. Edwards, GS), 2.377; 8. La Poete (B. Malle, Fr), 2.462; Cruteer distance 1. Conjoint of Mallem (1. Calphann), 1.000; 2.0 the repair.

The road that leads from Wigan to Wimbledon



By Rex Bellamy

FRESH from Wigan, and making an overnight stop in the Peak District at an inn near Little John's grave, I was digesting an unexpected titbit of news: some of the hard men from Wigan's mighty rugby league team have taken to playing indoor tennis and, further, are rumoured to bet on the outcome of their racket skills.

A loose analogy sprang to mind, because the earliest form of darts was supposedly played with broken arrows. One pictured Little John, Robin Hood and associated archers playing darts as a recreational training aid. That would have been more logical than the vision of experts at a bruising contact sport flitting about a tennis court, on which a net defies pursuit of

the up-and-under. Wigan has long encouraged an imaginative indulgence in the bizarre, but the old town is no joke. Not any more. Take, as examples, Wigan Pier, formerly a working what on the Leeds and Liverpool canal (the wharf was also used for bank holiday excursions to Blackpool, via canal and coach), and the one-time industrial spoil heaps mockingly described as the "Wigan Alps". The wharf became a "pier" thanks to the affectionate derision of a music hall comedian, George Formby sen (father of the ukelele man), and was used as a titular mooring for George Orwell's study of unemployment, The Road to Wigan Pier. Now, signposted from the M6, the "pier" is a popular, audio-visual tourist attraction, featuring playlets and museum pieces from the coal and cotton era - and the "Alps" have been landscaped into a recreational park known as The Three Sisters,

To get back to more strenuously ritualized forms of fun, Wigan's 38.2acre Robin Park sports complex has oddities of its own. For one thing, Mick Hannan has given a new meaning to the term caretaker-man-

ager, by graduating from one job to

by the Sports Council, Peter Sutcliffe, who is developing the same in central Lancashire — the equivalent, to stretch a point, of Robin Hood training the Sheriff of Nottingham's bowmen - and alongside the athletics stadium are indoor facilities for sprinting, throwing, and jumping, even pole-vaulting.

It is odd, too, that Dave Whelan, a former Blackburn Royers footballer, has offered £100,000 to any tennis player born within 10 miles of Wigan's parish church who can win the boys' or girls' singles played in-conjunction with the Wimbledon championships during the 1990s. He also offers £50,000 for a runner-up and £25,000 for a place in the semi-

Whelan, who broke a leg during the 1960 FA Cup final, is a self-made millionaire, impatient for British success at any level during the Wimbledon fortnight. He began his usiness career selling toiletries in Wigan market, moved on to supermarkets, sold them for £1 million in 1978, and now has 55 sports shops. Whelan would like that kind of success story to be reflected by a British tennis player, preferably from

"It's a game I never played until I was 40," he says. "When I started, I thought what a fantastic game it was. I go to Wimbledon every year and it's a shame that we have nobody to cheer. We've got to produce champions -and we can do it, but top players usually come from the bottom: from working towns, not public schools. They have to fight like hell, with heart and courage and dedication."

Annabel Croft, in 1984, was the last British player to win a Wimbledon iunior title. Buster Mottram was the runner-up to Bjorn Borg in 1972, but the last boys' champion from Britain was Stanley Matthews in 1962. None of these came from Wigan: nor, indeed, from "the bottom", as Whelan puts it. Whelan's money is safer than he

former Yorkshire cricketer sponsored would like it to be. But Les Atkinson, tennis development officer at the Poma indoor tennis and cricket centre - a new wing opened at Robin Park of a women's international tennis tournament - is encouraged by the

way the ground work is progressing. "We're already running at 75 per cent total usage during the week," says. "The encouraging thing is that many are new to the game: and they're coming back. We're operating 22 courses and squads.

"Under a scheme sponsored by the London and Edinburgh Trust, and headed by Paul Hutchins, we have 32 local schoolchildren in twice a week. That's a tremendous opportunity. Those squads operate for children who are not in county training. We're reaching strata that may not be getting any sort of assistance and could be lost to the game."

The Puma centre, which is open to schools free of charge during the davrime, is so-called, because, under a three-year deal, Puma are putting in £100,000, more than 75 per cent of it in cash and the rest in clothing and equipment. The £1 million centre has not cost ratepayers a penny, because it has been funded mainly by the Indoor Teanis Initiative, which is backed by the All England Club, the Lawn Tennis Association, the Sports Coun-cil and the Greater Manchester Youth Association.

A unique feature is the marriage of cricket and tennis, arising largely from Sutcliffe's initiative. The main hall accommodates four tennis courts and five practice bays for cricket, with room for the eight-a-side matches

known as "calypso cricket". Born and raised in Yorkshire, Sutcliffe - no relation to Herbert was an off spinner, whose hopes of advancement were impeded by Bob Appleyard and Ray Illingworth in turn. A qualified teacher and lecturer, he went to Lord's as director of coaching for the National Cricket Association and then spent 14 years in Manchester as head of the Sports

Council's facilities unit in the North

Sutcliffe then moved to the smart new Wigan venture to join two other the athletics coach. Isn Ward, who retires at the end of this month and is presently handing over to Bill Cockram. Like Atkinson, Cockram formerly worked in schools and clubs.

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The indoor cricket has not taken off quite as fast as the tennis. "We're pretty well booked up for club practice in the evenings," Sutcliffe says, "and we're organizing sessions for coaching youngsters who come in from cricket clubs or local publicity.

Tra rather disappointed with the response from schools. We're hoping that schools' use will pick up once the summer season starts. One would have hoped for a bit more curriculum use, but I'm sure that will come. These are very early days. Not all teachers are aware of the possibilities here."

Robin Park has had its athletics stadium since 1985 and, last July, accommodated 2,000 competitors and 15,000 spectators during the twoday English schools' championships. In the coming July, there will be a national or international meeting to help promote Greater Manchester's bid for the Olympics

In addition to the athletics stadium and indoor training area, Robin Park has 10 football pinches, plus two for the six-a-side game, seven rugby pitches, two cricket pitches, with allweather strips, two hockey pitches and an all-weather pitch for football and hockey. The training facilities attract celebrities from a variety of sports, but Hannan estimates that schools account for about 80 per cent of the

Wigan has made a name for itself in many sports, not least rugby league and swimming. Before long, as the new Puma centre acquires deeper roots and begins to bear fruit, we should be hearing more of the town's tennis players and cricketers. What fun it would be to see Dave Whelan reaching for his cheque book one sunny afternoon at Wimbledon

Navratilova and Arantxa Sán-chez Vicario have lifted her into

Malecva's game is the effort she now puts into himing the bell. Certainly, it presented Navratilova and Sanchez Vicario with problems, and yesterday it forced Harvey-Wild into numerous errors.
"I try to be more aggressive,

fun, because you learn how to do more with the ball."

Lendl gets set for assault on Wimbledon

IVAN Lendl yesterday ensured humself maximum pre-Wimble don grasscourt match practice by entering the Direct Line Insurance chainpionships at Beckenham, from June 4 to 10.

The world No. 1 is fixed by a burning ambrition to win burning ambrition to win Winbledon, the only Grand Stam event to have evoded him—and at 30, he knows he may not have too many chances left. He has decided to miss the French channing this was

Dinghy racing not a simple sport

SIX men from Southampton and six women from Sheffield seem likely to emerge with national titles from the three days of intensive dinghy com-petition in the British Universities Sailing Association team racing championships which began on Queen Mary Res-ervoir, London, yesterday.

The championships, the high point of the universities' sailing year, have this year attracted an entry of 63 teams from 57 Three-boat teams, using two-

able to apply to their area or national association for grants

between £100 and £1,000 out of

the fund to help them with

help with bigger schemes, up to £25,000, they will be eligible for

a low-interest or interest-free

Two-thirds of the £400,000

will come directly from the fund, and the other third from

And, if clubs need financial

specific projects.

each other in a competition which might be described as sixhanded match racing. As in most sports, the finer points emerge only when the two sides are evenly matched - in this

can come into play. Second place, not first, is often crucial. It can sometimes pay for a boat leading the race to surrender that position, if by doing so it

help for their projects. Now, for

the first time, the sport itself has taken the initiative to help such

"With a demographic decline

in the numbers joining track and field in the Nineues, the clubs

that will survive are those that

are thinking and planning d. The development fund is

there to help them, and we look

forward to being inundated with

case in speed.
Then, tactics worthy of chess

succeeds in slowing the most dangerous opponent, allowing

There are eight leagues in which each team races the other twice to provide, by tomorrow, eight quarter-finalists in both men's and women's divisions.

one, or two, team colleagues to overtake. Second, third and fifth, for example, produces a better team score tham first, fourth and last. Good team racers have such combinations programmed in before they go affoat. As befits a university challenge, the overall scoring is no less complicated than the game.

Moreover, the staff includes a

TODAY'S FIXTURES

SPORT ON TV

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL: Eurosport 12-1am (comorrow). BASIETBALL: Screensport 11,30pm-1am, Asterican League. OXING: Eurosport 12-20m and 7-1.30pm. World cherapiosenia hishichis. B.30pm. World championship highlights.
CRICKET: Sky One 3-10.35pm: West indies v England: Live coverage of the first day of the learth Test from The Konsington Ovel, Brogetown, Barbados.
BBC1 11.30pm-12.05em: Highlights of the footst Test.

RALLYCHOSS: Screensport 3-4pm and 8,30-9,30pm: Highlights of the British chempionships from Branch Helich. RUGSY LEAGUE: Screensport 6-7,30pm: Highlights of Walesfield villiges. SUMNUS Screensport 10.45-11,30pm: Highlights of the Plymouth Glassic from Utah.

TEMMIN: Bursaport 2-Spirit: Highlights of the Exteril Open from Portugal. Screensport 12-1-30pm: Highlights of the Velvo Internationals from Chacago. TEMPIN BOWLING: Screensport 9.30-10.45pm: Highlights of the Spring Tear from Binois. UPDATE: Screenwoort 7.30cm. WIDE WORLD OF SPORT: 8

EQUESTRIANISM

Ginny Leng, who rode Master Craftsman to the Badminton championship last year. World, Olympic and European champions are included in the 112 entries from Australia, New Zealand, the United States,

Prance, Ireland, Spain, Sweden and The Netherlands. Mark Todd, of New Zealand, has a choice of three horses, and the Dutch entry includes Clarissa Strachan, who will be riding under her new surrame after her recent marriage to

the top 10, where she was ranked briefly last year, and the changes she has been making to her game will, she hopes, keep her there.

"I'm proud to be in the top 10 with my sister. She was always the better one, but winning the tournament showed I could do it also," she said, after defeating the American junior, Linda Harvey-Wild, 6-1, 6-2. While many players have a \$\frac{1}{2}\$

because that's the way the game is changing," she explained. "if I played like I did two years ago, I wouldn't be ranked where I am now. I have no choice, but it's

He has decided to miss the French championships this year to concentrate on the build me to Wimbledon and give himself a week's extra acceptantization on grass, the surface on which he is least comfortable.

Lendl, who is also set for the Stella Artons tournament at Queen's Club, thus said that everything is gaired for Wimbledon; these only one ambition left in my leans life, and that is coming as lable.

GYBDIASTICS: Enrosport 9-10am and 5-fipm: International highlights from Parls, FOOTBALL: Enrosport 10am-midday: Highlights of the European Cup-Screensport 4-6 and 7-30-5m: Inter-national highlights and Argentinian lea **Davidson tilts** Maleeva has emerged **AAA** pledges financial FOOTBALL. PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE First di-vision: Derby v Huli (7.0); Uverpool v Nottingham Forest (7.0). Second division: Sunderland v Wigan (7.0). OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Southampton v GPR. BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: National di-vision: Sedworth v Reddich. at Badminton support to local clubs from sister's shadow championship GOLP: Screensport 10em-middey: United States PGA: Highlights of the Indepen-dent Apent Open from Toxes. Eurosport 8.30-midight: Coverage of the United States Masters from Georgia. BRUCE Davidson, twice a world champion, is in the United States team for the Whitbread championship at Badminton from May 3 to 6, seeking one of the few important titles he has set to win From Barry Wood, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina BRITISH athletics clubs are to the coffers of the area benefit from a special development fund established to DISAPPOINTMENT at being mental and physical let-down overshadowed by her sister, Manuela, added extra satisfaction to Katerina Maleeva's victory in Houston last weekend, and she was still smiling yesterday, after reaching the third round of the Family Circle Magazine Cim. RUGBY LEAGUE matter such a successful week.
Maleeva has not, and that
surprises her. "I was very surprised at the way I felt," she loans, worth £60,000, will be available until the end of this ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 8-10em: Ret elp them survive and blossom SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE: Selford V full Kingston Rovers. BRITISH COAL YOUTH CUP: Pirst round: For the first time, the Amateur Athletic Association has put aside £400,000 out of its MOBIL MOTOR SPORT NEWS: Es year — and the onus is on the clubs coming forward to reveal the details of their plans if they titles he has yet to win.

All the contenders for places in the British team at the world admitted. "I was expecting to be a little tired, but if proves all the practice I've done has helped me." POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL: OTHER SPORT profits specifically to help dev-clopment of the sport at grass Screensport /-csm.
RACING: BBC1 12.15-3.56pm: 2.35, 3.10
and 3.45 from Aintree. BBC2 4-4-36pm;
4.20 from Aintree. are to collect the aid. championships in Stockholm in July have entered, among them Tony Ward, the AAA spokes-man, said: "McVitie's used to Magazine Cup. Her wins over Martina SNOCKER: Matchroom League: S Davis v C Thorburn (Thornsby). One notable characteristic of sponsor a scheme whereby clubs Clubs and counties will be wrote in and asked for financial

Back-to-back triumph beckons Faldo

From Mitchell Platts Golf Correspondent Augusta, Georgia

THE enticing prospect of emulating the feat of Jack Nicklaus 24 years ago, by becoming only the second player to successfully defend the Masters title, will be one beckoning Nick Faldo as he sets out on his first round at Augusta National today.

Faldo will feel under no undue pressure because he is well aware that history is against him. "No one is leaning on me," he said yesterday. "I feel fine, my game is fine and I just want to play as well as I can."

If anyone interprets this as an attempt by Faldo to divert attention elsewhere, nothing would be further from the truth. He thrives on a challenge and is less likely to be deflected from his aims by cruel twists of fate than any other player in the game at the Faldo acknowledges that it

was not until last year, when he played in the event for the sixth time, that he felt he knew how best to play the course in order to win. The record books show that, like Faldo, Severiano Ballesteros, Ben Crenshaw, Raymond Floyd, Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and Tom Watson, among others, also needed to make several attempts on the first major championship of the golfing year, before they felt

Indeed, Fuzzy Zoeller is the only player to have won at the first time of asking, which is why Robert Gamez, an extraordinary talent who has chalked up two wins already in his first season as a professional, and Ronan Rafferty face especially daunting

What makes Augusta such a severe test for even the most one of the demigods, although battle-hardened competitor is his faith in natural justice has not only the pressures inbeen tested at Augusta more times than he cares to rememvolved but also the way conditions can fluctuate, as ber. Even so, the Australian the wind swirls and gusts enters the tournament both at capriciously through the the head of the Sony world towering Georgia pines. This is truly an arena for the rankings and as the 8-1

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The full draw

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in which lesser mortals rarely lieved to hear that Norman, triumph. Indeed, when one of making his tenth attempt to them did so, in the person of win the Masters, has at no Larry Mize in 1987, there was time felt more in control of his game. "My only problem right more than a suspicion of a now is that I have nothing to beloing hand from above when he chipped in from 120 feet to beat Greg Norman at work on because, quite bonestly, I feel that every part of my game is perfect," he said. the second hole of the play-off. Norman is unquestionably

The expression of such confidence might be said to be tempting fate, although Norman tends to flourish when in such ebullient mood. One who believes Norman's time has come at last, Tom Weiskopf, said: "I think Greg will leave them all for dead this week." His supporters will be re-

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But how ironic it would be if

Sand master: Nick Faldo executes the perfect bunker shot, under the approving eye of his coach, David Leadbetter, during practice at Angusta Norman were to be denied by a fellow-countryman, for the Australian challenge is a return to form.

> Finch, Wayne Grady, Craig Parry and Peter Senior also in the field. A victory by any one of them would provide a further boost for the European Tour on which all served their anorenticeship. sleep," he said. Faldo, however, is con-

will win again. If he fails himself, then, he says, he would be especially thrilled to help either José-Maria Olazabai or Ian Woosnam If Lyle wishes to know once into the green jacket come Sunday evening. Olázabal has not been playing well recently, but Woosnam is in cracking

form.
"My game is very close now to what it was in 1987 when I played my best golf and won more a £1 million," he said.

weighty one, with Ian Baker-

vinced that a European player

Twelve months ago it was Sandy Lyle, as the 1988 Masters champion, who put the green jacket on Faldo's shoulders. Since then, little has gone right for Lyle, al-

end there were signs that, at check because, as he points long last, he was beginning to out, he is often his worst

Lyle has found it strangely difficult to motivate himself. Norman, in calling him "sleepy Sandy" possibly hit the nail on the head. "Sometimes he plays well but at other times he just goes to

Lyle might profitably con-sider a line of Robert Graves: "Stirring suddenly from long hibernation I knew myself once more a poet."

more himself a golfer, what finer opportunity could present itself? Ballesteros has a liking for

Lyle and he has been giving him some guidance on the practice range: But when Ballesteros steps onto the first tee today, alongside Fred Couples, be will have no thoughts for anyone's problems but his

The Spaniard knows that to win here for the third time he will need to hold himself in

enemy because of impatience. 'I'm too hasty, too often, to

Couples, by contrast, is always cool, calm and col-lected. He is also a very good golfer and if an American is to come through this week, then he could be the one, despite the strong case which can also be made for Curtis Strange and the redoubtable Tom Watson, who, in 13 years, has finished outside of the top 14 only once.

Strange, who won the US Open in 1988 and 1989, let slip a three-stroke lead in the Masters in 1985. "I learned then that when you blow a major championship you feel like hell for a month," Strange said. "No one can know how you feel and I can tell you the disappointment stays with you forever.

"I would love to come down those last nine holes again with that lead. I feel good about it. The golf course is in

the best shane I've ever seen it and the greens are slicker than a baby's bottom."

The greens, as usual, are the main talking point among the players. The game within the game - putting - won the play-off for Faldo 12 months ago when he holed from 25 feet at the second extra hole, after having seen Scott Hoch fail from two feet at the first.

"I think the greens could get as quick as we have ever seen them," Faldo said. "That said it only comes down to a putting competition if you drive the ball well and hit your irons into the right places. The key then is to accept the chances you make for

Faldo did that last year with his final round of 65. His preparations for this year's event have been identical to those he followed in 1989. even down to eating the same sort of food. If they prove as successful, he will be left with only one major problem how to help himself into a

players on new course

From Mel Webb Valencia

MORE than 20 tournament winners have congregated to contest the El Bosque Open. which starts near here today. But whoever walks away with the £33,330 first prize on Sun-

day will have to take second place to the course.

The architect of the course, about 15 miles from Valencia, was Robert Trent Jones sen. than whom there has been no greater exponent in modern times of creating fine courses from fallow land. Trent Jones wove his magic at El Bosque nearly 15 years ago; then the developer's money ran out and

the course was closed.

It had never happened to a Trent Jones course before and it has not since. It was a bit like knocking down the Tower of London to build yuppie duplexes; the ultimate insult. It looked destined to remain that way, too, until an English-based company moved in a counter of way, too, until an engistrative company moved in a couple of years ago and started the remountion work.

Most of the original course

was there to be seen through a jungle of undergrowth, burst culverts and fallen trees. Twenty miles of electrical cable were laid for a sophisticated com-puter-controlled sprinkler system, dead trees were remove others replanted, and many months and close to £4 million pounds later, the old boy's masterpiece was revealed again. And a masterpiece it is, 100.

Almost 7,000 yards, it uses the contours of the land beautifully and water, as in so many Trent Jones designs, is a prob-lem on haif a dozen holes. If the or south west, it is going to give

play only last October and this tournament was put on the Volvo Tour schedule a few weeks ago when the ailing Jersey Open lost its fight for survival in

the big money league.

Aiready, though, Sam Torrance and Gordon Brand jun, are among the players full of admiration for El Bosque, and one of them may get to know the place even better. The prize for a hole in one at the 224-yard 12th is a £50,000 apartment on the

development overlooking the 8th fairway.

They should be warned, though. The 12th is devilishly difficult at the best of times. If the wind blows, par is an achievement and a bole in one



Eton defend without Critchley

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THE England cricket tour of the West Indies has cast a long shadow. It reaches as far as Deal, in Kent, where the Royal Cinque Ports golf club, with some help from Royal St George's nearby, will again present the Halford Hewitt Old Boys tournament from today

Eton, the holders, are to face Radley this afternoon; a Radley shorn of the imperious presence of Ted Dexter while he wears his other sporting hat. Whether Eton's prospects have thereby been enhanced, especially with their principal challengers, on paper, in the other half of the draw, remains to be seen.

Dexter's absence could pos-sibly have the reverse effect. His personality is so strong that your average Halford Hewitt player can be reduced to a shivering wreck in his company. On the other hand, the opposing pair

can be inspired to exceptional deeds of derring-do by the thought of bringing the great man down.

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NICK FALDO'S 1989 WINNING CARD

That, and a tendency for Halford Hewitt holders to be vulnerable to a sucker punch in the first round, should give Eton food for anxious thought. They are also deprived of a stalwart in Bruce Critchley, drawn abroad for the first time to give radio commentary on the US Masters.

But a formidable replacement has been found in Juan Marquez, who plays off two and who will be accompanying his brother, José, from Madrid. The captain, Richard Hurst, similarly makes a special journey, from Germany.

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At Sandwich, bristling as as usual nowadays with big names on the first two days, a titanic first-round struggle is in prospect between Merchiston Castle, the winners in 1987, and Shrewsbury, the runners-up to

Shrewsbury, employing the sensible policy of "respecting everyone and fearing none", will be unchanged from less year. That implies a nice blend of youth and experience, in which every the worth care call them. even the youth can call upon

Merchiston have one change, introducing John McKean, who is said to be a "strong young player from Prestwick". As usual, they are heavily dependent on the brothers Zuill, Thomson and Briggs. The Karangrova ales are no longer Karamazova, alas, are no longer

Charterhouse, prospective opponents for Harrow in the third round, are looking for revenge after their defeat at the same stage last year. They will again be captained by Michael Hughesdon and relying on Particular who seems of the captained by Michael Hughesdon and relying on Particular who seems of the captained by Michael Hughesdon and relying on Particular William Scott, who seems of the captained by Michael Hughesdon and relying on Particular William Scott, who seems of the captained by Michael Hughesdon and relying on Particular William Scott, who seems of the captained by Michael Hughesdon and Particular William Scott, who seems of the captained by Michael Hughesdon and Particular William Scott, who seems of the captained by Michael Hughesdon and relying on Particular William Scott, who seems of the captained by Michael Hughesdon and relying on Particular William Scott, who seems of the captained by Michael Hughesdon and relying on Particular William Scott, who seems of the captained by Michael Hughesdon and relying on Particular William Scott, who seems of the captained by Michael Hughesdon and relying on Particular William Scott, who seems of the captained by Michael Hughesdon and relying on Particular William Scott, who seems of the captained by Michael Hughesdon and Relying on Particular William Scott, who seems of the captained by Michael William Scott, who seems of the captained by Michael William Scott, who seems of the captained by Michael William Scott, who seems of the captained by Michael William Scott, who seems of the captained by Michael William Scott, who seems of the captained by Michael William Scott, who seems of the captained by Michael William Scott, who seems of the captained by Michael William Scott, who seems of the captained by Michael William Scott, who seems of the captained by Michael William Scott, who seems of the captained by Michael William Scott, who seems of the captained by Michael William Scott, who seems of the captained by Michael William Scott, who seems of the captained by Michael William Scott, who seems of the captained by Michael William Scott, who seems of the captained by Mic

against Canford tomorrow, is in doubt because they have de-cided not to declare their hand in advance, Either that or, in straitened times, the reply-paid envelope accompanying The Times's letter of inquiry went

For the benefit of St Bartholomew's

By David Powell Athletics Correspondent

IF THERE is one thought, other than charity, guaranteed to spur Dr Simon Macklin on to the Dr Simon Mackin on to the finish of the ADT London Marathon on April 22, it is the London underground. Tube travel is free on marathon day for runners whose legs will take them no further, but Macklin would not be participating had it not been for his aversion to the underground. After all he has said about it, he can hardly go

back down the escalator now.

He used to travel by bicycle
from his bome in Clapham to
his work at St Bartholomew's. but three cycles stolen in a year punctured that idea. He tried the underground. "I survived it a month," he said. "It's dirty, unreliable, overcrowded and expensive." And, since he could not park his car at the hospital, there was only one solution: off the train and on with the

Five and a half miles each way each day and no stops. With his mileage up to 50 a week, he can see light at the end of the tunnel. "I am hoping to finish in close to three hours," he said. Fast





He may be running for charity
in the team representing The
Times-Unisys London Marathon Appeal — but perish the
thought of a Macklin taking his
sport lightly. The doctor has a sport lightly. The doctor has a bit of catching up to do on most of his family. His grandfather played rugby

for England and he has a brother who is in the Scotland B XV; his father was an Olympic oarsman, his mother a Scotland inter-national hockey player, another brother plays squash for his regiment in the Army. "Thank goodness for Roger Macklin," he must think. Roger is the one who is "no sportsman of note". Simon Macklin, aged 30, describes himself as a sporting

describes himself as a sporting
"Jack of all trades — my
activities pale into insignificance compared with the rest of
my family". But not this time. A
little suffering by Macklin will
spare others great pain.
He is running to raise funds to
buy equipment which regulates
the administration of painthe administration of pain-relieving drugs to children with cancer. "Optimal comfort can be achieved by constantly infusing pain-relieving drugs and varying the rate as the need dictates," Macklin said.



Doctor on the run: Simon Macklin, a refugee from the miseries of commuting on the Northern Line

"We do have some pieces of juipment in the hospital which do this, but we can't provide as many as we would like. Children are taken out of their home environment and put into hos-pital. Treatment can be frighten-ing and distressing to all

"If their requirements for pain relief are greater than those set, the child can activate a trigger and the machinery will apply a further dose of pain-killing drug. It provides a smoother level of pain control, instead of peaks and troughs.
The paediatric oncology unit at St Bartholomew's is referred a ndred new patients each year

and treats 600 annually." The Times and Unisys hope that, by featuring the efforts of our fund-tunners, we will help them find sponsorship. If you wish to support one or more of wish to support one or more or them, write, clearly stating your beneficiaries, to *The Times*-Unisys London Marathon Ap-peal, Sports Department, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London, Ei 9XN. We will forward your donations.

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off racing treadmill for a new life

"I started training again but it was just automatic, a habit.

The desire had gone and when I was selected by the British Cycling Federation (BCF) for

a race in Germany, I declined

It would have been the same

old round, the same set of girls

in opposition. I've been every-

where through cycling and achieved just about as much

Doug Dailey, the BCF coach, said: "The effect of

Maria's retirement will make

itself felt immediately. We won't be able to replace her

straight away and while the national champion, Lisa

Brambani, spends her racing

season in the United States,

our teams for international

events will be relatively weak.

a pioneer. She took a leaf out

of the men's book and decided

to make her racing base

abroad, closer to the centre of

Neil Hoban, the British

road racing champion in 1988

and now with a sponsored

amateur club in Belgium, will

turn professional for the

Crown-Chafes team in time to

ride in the Letchworth Velo

two-day race on Easter Sun-

day and Monday.

top-class competition."

'In her own way, Maria was

as I think I am capable."

THE treadmill of international racing has ended the career, at the age of 25, of Maria Blower, the outstanding woman road rider in Britain.

"Enough is enough," she said yesterday at her home in Ulverscroft, Leicestershire as she hung up her wheels for the last time. "Now I can do all the things that I have had to forgo since I started racing 11 years ago as a schoolgirl. It's time I led a normal life."

The Commonwealth Games in Auckland proved to be the straw which broke the camel's back. One of the horrest pre-race favourites. she punctured at a vital stage of the road race and her chances of a medal disappeared with the air in her tyres. She came twelfth, six minutes behind the winner, Kathryn Watt, of Australia.

"I thought then that I would retire; all that winter training, never letting up even on Christmas Day or New Year's Day and then nothing to show for it," she said.

When she returned home. her mood was different and she joined her amateur club in France with whom she had raced most of last season with a programme that included five 10-day stage events.

MOTOR RACING

Prost backs anti-dope tests for race drivers

Formula One world champion, was quoted yesterday as saying that anti-doping tests on drivers, which will be initiated at the San Marino Grand Prix next month, are a normal and nec-

Prost, who is testing his Ferrari for the third event of the 1990 world championship, said in an interview with Corriere della Sera, the Milan daily: "It's increasingly difficult and stress-ing to drive cars which are becoming faster and faster... we are professionals with very

everything must be very clear between the drivers and the

Prost, who drove a Ferrari to victory in the Brazilian Grand Prix last month, said he aimed at a second consecutive champ-ionship victory in Imola, the home track of the Italian team.

"If Ferrari wins in Imole i means that it's the best car in this year's championship," he said. "However, I believe that on this [fast] circuit McLaren-Honda will be difficult to best." Michael Seely meets the master of Greystoke with designs on a third National victory

Blower steps Bullish Richards gives Rinus the nod

THE piercing blue eyes widened as Gordon Richards grandfather of Joanie, the nodded emphatically at the trainer's second wife. dark head of Rinus with his distinguished white markings on the forehead.

"There you are," rode the famous West Country burr, "this could be the winner of the National. He's spot on and

what beats him, wins."
Extrovert, opinionated and sometimes hot tempered, the 59-year-old son of a Bath timber merchant still dominates the north-western racing scene, a role he has played since moving to Penrith in Cumbria 22 years ago.

A battered cap and weatherceaten Barbour coat had clearly borne the brunt of most of the storms from the nearby fells.

But despite a serious illness last year, the trainer is still full of confident energy and optimism. "Neither Rinus nor I were right last year," he said.
"I lost a kidney and the horse had problems with his breath-ing. But he's been hobdayed and is top of the pops."

The word has been abroad recently that in Rinus, rather than Conclusive and The Langholm Dyer, his two other probable runners, Richards as a possible successor to Lucius and Hallo Dandy, Greystoke's previous Grand National winners, in 1978 and

Like Rinus, The Langholm Dyer was resting in his box after his morning exercise. But Conclusive, having bruised himself in a recent fall at Kelso, was having treatment in what appeared to work like a vibrating electric blanket. "He's been a bit stiff. But this treatment really gets the mus-cles going. He'll feel a different horse when it's finished."

Jinxy Jack and most of the

The years may have slowed the strutting former boxer's walk a trifle and subdued some of the aggression, but Richards talks with a natural dignity and the freedom of

expression of an acknowledged master of his craft.

Both Ron Barry and Jonjo
O'Neill established their initial reputations as stable jockeys to the cock of the north

Neither man has moved far away. Barry combines his job as Jockey Club inspector of courses with running a construction business, Roe Head. And O'Neill, another legend in his lifetime, trains at

selton Woodend. Neale Doughty, Richards's Welsh-born stable jockey, lives in nearby Penrith. ccessful on Hallo Dandy, the rider boasts the remarkable record of having completed the National course six times in as many attempts.

Rinus, with 9st 11lb in the long handicap, therefore will have only the minimum 10 stone to carry on Saturday in

But Doughty faces a continnal struggle with his weight, "If Dowts can get down to 10st 2lb or 10st 3lb l'll be happy," rolled the relemess burr. "He knows Aintree and he knows the horse. Above all, he's a horseman. I can't take the small, little jockeys. They can't do justice to a horse."

Like Brown Windsor, Bigsun and Call Collect, these three Cheltenham winners, Rinus appears to possess that chusive quality, so prized at Aintree, a touch of class at the

Although perhaps a trifle lucky when winning Haydock other Liverpool runners were also housed in the top yard. The stable block, standing in the park high above Greystoke

Park's Greenall Whitley Gold Cup as Willsford fell at the lisst, the nine-year-old showed most of the ability that had

Bonanza Boy all the rage

By Paul Wheeler

THE gamble on Bonanza Boy continued unabated yesterday with the Tote making the nine-year-old a 9-1 chance for Saturday's Grand National. pokesman Tim Pickering said: "Bonanza Boy was 16-1 until Tuesday, 12-1 this morning and is now joint-second favourite." They now bet: 7-1 Brown Windsor, 9-1 Bonanza Boy, Call Collect, 12-1 others. The other horse supported with them was

Rinus down from 20-1 to 16-1. Meanwhile, Corals report backing for Uncle Merlin, who has been backed to win £50,000 from 25-I to 20-1, including one bet of £1,000 each-way.

Toby Balding is now almost resigned to Bishops Yarn miss-ing the race. The 11-year-old pulled muscles in his near-hind muscles in a schooling scrident. quarters in a schooling accident on Tuesday, and is very stiff.

great deal for that," says the trainer. "It was only his second race of the season as, like Conclusive, he'd had a bad attack of coughing and I was lucky to get him to Haydock. I told Richard Dunwoody to look after him, to ride him to get the trip. As he was sure to need it.

"He's going to go to Liverpool with as good a chance as both my previous

Richards added: "Ideally, Rinus likes a cut in the ground, but he has won on the

Yesterday, after a sharp overnight frost, the National horses' work had to be modified. "I just took Rinus walking first and then rode him in a sharp spin with Carrick Hill Lad on the all-weather," the trainer reported.

The previous Sunday, the National hopes were taken away for their traditional final serious work. Richards himself rode Rinns.

"We call it going to Ron Barry's, but it isn't. It's on common land. It's a good 11/2 miles on lovely, lovely old turf. It's on the drag — quite a pull. You want a fit horse to go there. It's a marvellous place. "Afterwards, I heard Doughty tell the travelling head lad: That horse is right. It was carrying the boss up there as well as any of us'."

Like Rinus, Conclusive has come to his best at the right time. "Things were going well at Kelso. He came to the second last 10 lengths clear and cantering. He stood off too far and rolled over. He's got some sort of chance and is a good jumper."

With only 8st 7lb in the long handicap, The Langholm Dyer is unlikely to make the Dyer 18 unitery to make the final cut. But if the firm-going plodder gets in, Liam O'Hara, Richards's 5lb claimer, will take the mount. "We put him take the mount are second up when the horse was second in the Eider, as Phil Tuck had retired unexpectedly after winning the previous race. It's been his ride ever since."

Of Rinus's possible opponents, Richards has a healthy espect for not only the three Cheitenham winners, but also for Arthur Stephenson's pair, The Thinker and Durham

"That Call Collect," he said,



Rinus, the main National hope of Gordon Richards, enjoys a search of grass at Greystoke as the finishing touches are put to his Aintree preparation

'you just wouldn't know how good he is. And his trainer, John Parkes, he knows what

Interestingly, however, Richards makes the point that winners at Cheltenham are often feeling the effects of their excursions at Aintree.

Statistics certainly prove the trainer's point. Nicolans Silver, in 1961, is the only horse to have won at the National Hunt Festival and also captured the National in the same year in the post-war eral

Greystoke is enjoying its usual fine season. Richards is presently lying sixth in the trainers' table. Carrick Hill Lad, Tartan Trademark and Tarian Tailor, runners at Aintree this afternoon, have been contributors to his total of 62 winners of races worth over £230,000.

Traditionally, northern jumping trainers have held their own with their more fashionable southern counterparts over the years. But with more and more owners turning to jumping from the Plu, the position has become more difficult in recent years. When you go to the lrish sales, you see what's going on," Richards says, Those Lambourn trainers, like Nicky

Henderson, Oliver Sherwood and Charlie Brooks, have pot money pouring out of their ears. And as for Jenny Pitmas, she's got so much money to spend that I'm sure the Irish are happier to see her arriving at Dublin airport than the

Decision not

in question

SPORTS LETTERS

Sport should be on agenda

From Mr Harm B. Tegelaars
Sir, Sebastian Coe talks about
"privatization" and "sale of the
century" in his articles on the national sports centres (March 29 and 30). These centres are held in trust by the Sports Council, who are merely seeking management of the centres. Ownership will not change hands and the appointed management will have to work to a very clear brief from the Sports Council. The new management will be charged with making the best feel the best, both in terms of facilities and services. The contractor should be making contact with as many sports governing bodies as possible, to see how they might be of use. The fact is the national sports centres could enjoy increased usage, with

better operational management.
I would like to remind Seb Coe that he would be better using his time getting sport and leisure on the political agenda, where I am informed it does not feature in the first 24 headings, despite the fact that millions of people both enjoy participating

Yours sincerel HARM B. TEGELAARS, Farnham House Langton Green, Kent.

Council answerable

From the Director General of the Sports Council
Sir, It is important to correct some impressions left by Denis Howell's letter (March 15) about the responsibility of the Sports

First, it is not the Council's fault if ministers decide to appoint members in a manner of which Mr Howell disapproves. There is, however, nothing in the Council's royal charter (which both predates and has rather more force than Mr Howell's white paper) which obliges the minister to accept unquestioningly all or any ominations submitted by the Central Council of Physical

Second, the Sports Council is answerable to Parliament for the use it makes of its grant-aid; indeed the director general ap-peared before the Public Ac-counts Committee last year, as accounting officer, to do just that. It was, as I recall, the CCPR's lack of accountability to Parliament of which the PAC complained in its subsequent

Finally, it is for the governing bodies to account to the Sports Council for the grants which the latter make to them, not the other way round. That said, the efforts recently to improve its consultative arrangements with the governing bodies, and I am sure that a much better mutual understanding is developing. Yours faithfully, DAVID PICKUP,

Director General. The Sports Council. 6 Upper Woburn Place, WC1.

Over-rate penalty required

From Mr Stephen Rumball Sir, For West Indies to avoid defeat in a Test match by bowling only eight overs in one hour and 17 overs and 5 balls in two hours is clearly in breach of the spirit of Test cricket and should for the future be specifically in breach of the regula-tions. This is not just a case of sour grapes as I would have felt equally strongly had England resorted to such factics.

My view on sport generally, and cricket in particular, is that we should have the minimum of artificiality in the rules. It is important for the game to flow freely and naturally without interruption from overly officious referees or ampires or (heaven forbid) consideration of

slow-motion replays.

However, the situation that arose on the final day in Port of Spain is bound to happen again, whether in fast failing light in the West Indies, or in Pakistan or India, where the requiremen to bowl a minimum number of overs in the day cannot properly enforced because of the light conditions. To prevent what might tactfully be termed "professional gamesmanship", the Test and County Cricket Board should introduce a new regulation providing for runs to be added to the total of the batting side (presumably as extras) if the fielding side did not meet an over-rate of, say, 12

overs an hour.

The regulation might, for example, provide for an extra run for each ball short of the 12 over minimum. In Port of Spain this would have resulted in 37 runs being added to England's second innings score (144 balls minimum less 107 balls bowled)

and a deserved victory.

Such a regulation would clearly need to be flexible enough to deal with special situations such as injury to a player or pitch invasions, when the umpires should be empowered to deduct overs from the minimum as is currently the case with rain or had light.

case with rain or bad light.

If the agreement of a majority of the Test-playing countries is required, this should be forth-coming as for any country to vote against the regulation would be to condone (if not to actively encourage) this type of Yours faithfully, STEPHEN RUMBALL,

13 Orchard Road, St Margarets. Twickenham, Middlesex. Facilities outdated

From Mr Stephen Clues Sir, The Wembley experiences of Mr I. Guyster (Sports Letters, March 29) received shocking confirmation at the match between England and Brazil only days later. Having spent £20 for a stand seat, I was then treated to the most scandalously out-dated facilities - a cold; decrepit stadium of tiny, uncomfortable seats and a total absence of civilized amenities or refreshments. My view of one goal-mouth was obscured by a girder, and of the scoreboard by the

From Mr S.D. Surr
Sir., The sadness of England
failing to win the third Test
match because West Indies
bowled fewer than 18 overs in

the last two hours was com-pounded by Graham Gooch admitting that England would have done the same. properly balanced game includ-ing spin bowling, which some of us still remember, until firstly we return to uncovered wickets and bowlers' run-ups and sec-ondly a swingeing penalty in the form of extras added to the total when fewer than, say, 18 overs are bowled in each hour, ir-respective of how many wickets

S.D. SURR, The Windmill Health Centre Leeds, West Yorkshire. From Mr J.M Robertson

Sir. Why, with 31 runs needed, the light having been offered and with five wickets left, did the England batsmen not go for the runs with the sure know-ledge that, if wickets fell, they could ask and would be granted a light decision in their favour? I accept that it would have been remarkable to have ed a victory, but at least

have a go when there is no Yours sincerely, J.M. ROBERTSON, Nansidwell, Mawnan,

nr Falmouth, Cornwall. From Mr Mark Mathiason Sir, There is no point in sir, There is no point in specifying the number of overs to be howled in a day when there is no effective penalty for failure to achieve the target. Fines do not seem to solve the problem.

May I suggest the following: calculate the average number of the part over the problem.

runs per over scored by the batting side during its innings that day. Multiply that average by the number of overs which are short of the daily target. Add the resultant number of runs to the batting side's score as extras.

This has the double incentive of not only encouraging the bowling side to get through their allotted overs but also encourage the batting side to increase their run-rate. For those people who say this might be contrived and unfair, how do they describe the out-come of the third Test?

MARK MATHIASON, 23 Kingshill Drive, Kenton, Harrow, Middlesex.

The football authorities should be under no delusion about the appalling quality and image of their product. No sensible businessman would dream of using the game for corporate hospitality. Is it not time for football to move

the stadium either saw the goal or knew who scored. The match was played in front of an

STEPHEN CLUES.

aggressive and abusive crowd, many of whom defiled our national anthem with Nazi

55 Old Broad Street, EC2.

impartiality

From Mr D.B. Ziff

Sir, English press and television coverage of major sporting events is not as impartial as many would like to think. The West Indies "delaying" tactics are roundly — and justifiably — condemned. Maradona is pilloried for "scoring" a handled goal to knock England out of the World Cup.

At the same time, though, an English defender's blatant han-

English defender's blatant handling in last week's game against Brazil gets barely a passing reference in the newspapers— and certainly no headline treat-ment—whilst television commentators can scarcely conceal their delight at England's "good

What makes this even worse is that the match was sup-posedly a friendly, with nothing at stake — even then English sportsmanship was clearly

lacking.
When an English player uses his hands to push back a ball which had clearly crossed the goalline and is not prepared to admit either the handling or the line, we should not be so quick and self-righteous in our condemnation of other countries' sportsmen whose desire to win overrides their sense of fair

Yours truly, DAVID B. ZIFF, New House, Woodman Lane,

Change of tune

From Mr D.N. McCarthy Brown Sir, For the second successive year, England's rugby union championship hopes came crashing down at the final hurdle — and, once again, the decisive try was conceded at the nart of the second half. Clearly England should change their half-time routine: perhaps they should sing some rousing anthem at that stage of

the match. But what song for "Land of Hope and glory" is too imperialist, "Greensleeves", also suggested in your columns, might cause confusion when England play Ireland. How about "Jerusalem" — a prospect almost as distant, it would seem, as an England grand slam?

Yours faithfully, DAVID McCARTHY BROWN, Mole End. Abiogdon, Oxfordshire, From Mr J.L. Watson

Sir, "Flower of Scotland" is dreadful - but "The Floral Dance" might do for England. Yours faithfully, J.L. WATSON, .The Coach House, Hillside, Montrose, Angus.

by fax to 01-782 5046 / game as played in his time . . .

A question of Conflicting attitudes in Cambridge rowing

From Mr Chris Atkin
Sir, Following articles in The
Times (March 31) and elsewhere
I am beginning to worry that the
public will begin to believe the
comments of Mark Lees, the university coach, on Cambridge

college rowing:
As captain of Lady Margaret
Boat Club in 1989 I was
approached by Lees at the end of
Henley Royal Regatta with an
invitation to represent Cambridge in Istanbul. In return the more promising members of the LMBC crew (head of the river in the May races, without the six best carsman in the college) would be sent for university trials in the autumn. Of the fou l approached, the first had trialled in 1988-89 without much success or enjoyment and was not keen to repeat the experience; the second elected to be captain of the LMBC; the third was giving up rowing; and the fourth was not keen on the time commitment, having been pressed by his tutor in 1989.

pressed by his dutor in 1909.

These reactions were perhaps predictable from a crew which had had to work very hard to outperform technically superior Cambridge rivals and was somewhat jaded. However we did have one old Rina and our hest. have one old Blue and our best novice was sent to the trials and did quite well, staying on the fringe of the freshmen's squad. One can see where Lees's comments about colleges with-holding oarsmen from Cambridge University BC to strengthen their own crews come from. I bitterly resent the come from 1 briterly resent the implication that the Lady Margaret chief coach and club members think that rowing for college is more important than representing the university. If the carsmen aren't that keen, they wouldn't even last out the pressure of CIRC trials in any

Lees has conducted what amounts to a feud with the Picking up the ball

pressure of CUBC trials; in any case it can only be their choice.

From Mr Ian Samuel
Sir, Your picture of the reenactment of the birth of rugby
football (March 28) took me
back to 1934 when Rugby town put on a pageant of the town's history. The school was called upon to contribute an episode. We had on the staff the great Harold Kittermaster, lately En-gland's fly half, and among the boys a Webb Ellis, who was, I believe a direct descendant of the original, so our numero really chose itself.

really chose itself.

Kittermaster, having done the homework, gathered two teams and explained how the game had been played in 1823. If I remember rightly, you fought for the ball in a sort of continuous melée and, having got it, you kicked it I am not sure where but hickion was the sure where, but kicking was the thing. On the day, we paraded on a rough field south of the Hospital of St Cross before a large crowd. We went through Angus.

Angus.

the fighting for the ball and at a signal worked it out to the wing, where Webb Ellis, "with a fine disregard for the rules of the disregard for the rules of the

college clubs because of his training he is indeed an ex-misunderstanding of what the cellent coach.

home grown talent enjoys and how it should be wooed. He should accept that to 90 per cent of the Cambridge world rowing is just "messing about in boats" and that the participation of the many justifies the huge amounts spent on college rowing.

The remaining 10 per cent aim to perform at their best in the time they have available: they may not be good enough to impress throughout the summer regana season, but they con-contrain their efforts on the racon which mean the most to them, in this case the university races Anyone who has written off a Cambridge college crew after a regatta should try racing them on the Saturday before the Mays. Those who wonder at the growing isolation of college crews should ask how much it costs to enter and travel to ARA races, and then look at the bank balance of the average student.

Lees should put his own house in order if he really wants to win the Boat Race. In 1989 the race was not lost on coxing it was lost by the egos of the Cambridge crew. Every oarsman who has made the same mistake of complacency must be to felt his heart sink when he saw the psychological state of the Cambridge crew before the race, confirmed by their listless performance in the boat.

Even the spirited performance of 1990 is marred by Lees's lack of management skills which drove off more than eight men out of his original two men out or his original two squads, including some real talent. If Lees is to persuade college oarsmen that rowing for CUBC is satisfying and worth the commitment, then he may well have to silence the witts of his 1990 crim My advice to the CUBC is to restrict Lees to technique and

took the ball in his arms and ran with it." The rest of us stood with it." The rest of us stood aghast, pointing at him menacingly and shouting "rotter," etc. Before this climax, one of the players fell over, having apparently sprained his ankle, and was carried off by his colleagues. This was much appreciated by the crowd as a deft touch of realism. In fact it was genuine and the only time spectators have applauded a sporting exploit by

ploit by Yours faithfully, IAN SAMUEL, The Laundry House, Handcross. Haywards Heath, Sussex. From Mr Francis Heneage

First Sir, Is there any authentic contemporary record of the gear worn by William Webb Ellis and ated the game of rugby in 1823? The long white shorts and modern sweat-shirts worn by the international players who took part in the re-enactment of Ellis's feat on the Close at Rugby

School seem somewhat incon-gruous, while the players attire in Thomas Hemy's painting of

cellent coach. Yours faithfully, CHRIS ATKIN, St John's College, Cambridge. From Mr J.H. Lee

Sir, Your third leader, Eight sir, Your third tester, Eggit men in a boat (April 2), does not really appreciate the Oxbridge rowing situation. It is not the weight of a crew which deter-mines their ability to win. Oxford's superiority over the last 15 years has been due to experience—they have attracted many oarsmen of international repute, doing postgraduate courses. This year's race was notable in that Cambridge, although almost certain that they would not win, never admitted it, and produced their best nt, and produced their best performance under perfect conditions until they were right behind Oxford. After Harrods they were somewhat handicapped by rowing in Oxford's wake but later kept out of the direct line and in fact made up.

Oxford cox who by clever steering (learned at Westminster School) mined them about half a length near the mile post. a length near the mile post.

In the two previous years
Cambridge made a mess of
things. They were favourites in
1989 and caught a crab in 1988.
This year all the other races were
won by Cambridge, notably the
lightweight men's, although
Goldie would probably not have
beaten Isis if the race had
reached the finish.

When I was up at Cambridge.

one or two seconds. It was the

When I was up at Cambridge we had 10 successive wins in the Boat Race — in those days the average weight was often below 12 stone. In 1932 D.H.E. McCowen was a fifth-year student aged 22 and was alowed to row only after some debate. Nowadays they are sometimes 1.H. LEE. J.H. LEE,

34 Gretton Court, Girton, Cambridge. 1888 appears to be more repre-

i possess a photograph of my father (born in 1863) with the Marlborough Football Lower Boy XX of 1876, and the whole Boy AA or 1870, and the whose team is dressed as in Hemry's picture with cotton long-elecved shirts and white breeches tucked into black stockings.

Yours faithfully,
FRANCIS HENEAGE FINCH,
White Oaks The Fairman

Weybridge, Surrey. From Mr R.A. Green Sir, I wonder whether the or-ganizers of the charity event to underline the "youth in rugby" theme are aware that the Reverend William Webb Elis is buried in the cemetery at Men-

ton, Alpes Maritimes.

It would seem a good opportunity for the relays of running teenagers to pass by Menton and pay tribute to the man whose game has given, and is still giving, joy to so many millions of sport-loving people. Yours faithfully, RICHARD GREEN, 140 Alice des Lavandes,

Alpes Maritimes, France.

the world championships April 11.

Grant Way.

Smoking

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Results :

THE PARTY

From Mr John Garrett

Sir, I was disappointed to read
the report on the Boar Race
(April 2), which suggested that
my decision, as umpire, to
disqualify less in their race
against Goldie was controversial and open to question.

Allow me to question. he in Tim 7 20 5-Allow the to quote article 7 of the agreement, under which the Boat Race is rowed. In the event of a fool occurring either communications. $\frac{1}{n} \geq ||\varphi_{i}|||_{L^{2}(\mathbb{R}^{n})}$ 74. تترويو

In the event of a final occurring either crew may claim, so the Umpire, that the other crew be departed. If the care making the claim was in its proper coarse, and the crew against whom the claim is made was out of its proper coarse, the latter shall be disqualified unless the foul was so slight, as not interest the row.

Clearly the foul was not slight, as Goldie were unable to outstand the rowing due to damage to the boat. The crucial question was therefore who were on their proper course" at the time of the foul? Goldie were on their correct station, Isis were not. This has not been in dispute from any quarter.

I am therefore confident that the decision to disqualify is not seriously open to question, afthough it may be facusily correct to describe the decision as controversal.

25 controversial Yours sincerely, JOHN GARRETT

6 Beachill Road, East Sheen, SW14. Facilities eroded From Mr D.H. Drury

Sir, Your excellent coverage on the resurgence of Southampton. (Focus, March 29) does not mention that in the building of Ocean Village, with a maxim of 450 berths, there is no space provided for that most civilized and non-polluting of sports rowing.

rowing.
As a member of the Wo Regional Rowing Council for some years I have noted the steady erosion of the facilities which the rowing fraternity can obtain in the Southampton area. Small clubs like BTC, Cosporters and Vospers fact increasing difficulties: the premises under threat or afready demolished and the parter of which they now increasing? which they row increasing? limited by projects like Ocean Willage and Spating Quity Yours faithfully, DEREK DRURY, 126 Sopwith Cres Canford Magne

Vimborne, Bravery award From the Head of Program

Eurosport
Sir, May we claim the first
Henry Kelly bravery award
(March 27)? Burosport about
53 hours of handball her yes

Yours sincerely, ADRIAN METCALFE. Head of Programmes, Europeori, 6 Centam's Research Parts By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

IN THE past seven days Charlie Brooks, the Lambourn trainer, has saddied three numers and won three races, a record of which his mentor Fred Winter would have been proud.

Against that encouraging background, confidence is running high at Uplands that Espy can make another contribution to the tally by winning the Mumm Club Novices Chase at Liverpool

With four victories from only five starts to his credit, Espy's contribution to Brooks's season has already been considerable. It might have been even more impres-

Okerise, Brooks wasted no good account of himself. breath in nominating Espy as his best shot for the three-day

Aintree gala age his mind, not even the oped a mind of his own. strength of today's opposition, which includes Royal Athlete, Cahervillahow, Carrick Hill Lad, and Damers Cavalry, who between them have won

17 races this season. Since winning by 20 lengths obstinate bad mood again, he will ruin his chance, just as he did in the Chellenham Gold Cup where he dug in his toes at the start and refused to set off with the field. Considering included a confidence-boost he lost about 25 lengths at the start, he did well to finish ing victory at Uttoxeter.

In contrast, Royal Athlete has had a torrid time of late, falling at Cheltenham after

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Charlie Brooks: Uplands team in splendid form

Unlike Espy, Cahervillahow, the funcied sive had he not fallen at the Irish runner, could easily find last fence at Ascot first time that the ground is a bit too out when challenging the lively. And so could Carrick eventual winner Young Hill Lad, who disappointed Snugfit. After he had won two at Ascot. However, Damers valuable prizes at Ascot on Cavalry will relish the going Saturday with Battalion and and should continue to give a

Time alone will tell whether Cavvies Clown does likewise in the Martell Cup. For the Nothing has happened in enigmatic 10-year-old from the meantime to make him Whitsbury has clearly devel-

> tude, as he did at Wincanton in February when making all to win by 25 lengths, he will be National will be curious to hard to catch. But if he is in an obstinate bad mood again, he start, he did well to finish winner Villierstown, who goes fourth behind Norton's Coin, well when fresh, lead all the

Cavvies Clown should best recently.

while Riverhead (3.10) could easily be a second winner for David Elsworth and Graham Bradley in the Scagram 100 Pipers Top Novices' Hurdle.

He did well to finish sixth in the Waterford Crystal Su-preme Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham considering how badly hampered he was at the second-last hurdle when poised to begin his late challenge. In the circumstances, he looks a sporting bet to reverse the form with Rakes Lane, who eventually finished three places ahead.

On the corresponding occasion 12 months ago, class asserted itself in the Oddbins Handicap Hurdle which was won by Slalom carrying 12 stone. Now I think we can expect a repeat performance from Trapper John, who was good enough to win the Waterford Crystal Stayers Hurdle last month.

Those who intend supporting Brown Windsor in Sat-urday's Grand National will be looking to Multum In Parve to provide a source of encouragement by winning the Sandeman Handicap Chase. The John Edwards ped a mind of his own.

If he adopts the right atti-

> Those with a runner in the National will be curious to see how the Aintree course

Toby Tobias, and Desert Or-way, and he is preferred to chid. Kittinger and New Halen, On his best behaviour, who have been in good form

on the gallops

Roberts considered himsel

Aintree going firms up again

frost, the see-saw ground con-ditions for Saturday's £90,000 Seagram Grand National changed again yesterday, follow-ing a day of unbroken sanskine and drying winds on

The Aintree clerk of the course, John Parrett, walked the famous track with senior stew-ard Lord Menton and changed the official going from "good" to

the weather men were predicting the death of two horses in last a dry night with a heavy frost.

They are expecting showers today.

Parsett, anticipating a crowd of 70,000 for the big race, is delighted with the large number today, were for tree large and and into Managary Hur and flow for the large number into Managary Hur and flow into Managary Hur flow into Managary into Managary Hur flow into Managary into Man of runners for today's card, and into Manchester.

It is a great start to the meeting particularly with 30 in Irish hope Thinking Cap in the the line-up for the John Hughes big race. Arthur Moore's nine-year-old needs two horses higher The John Hughes race takes in the handicap to drop out if he

"good to firm" — welcome news for supporters of fast-ground specialists Brown Windsor, Durham Edition and Mr Frisk.

Even the water jump in front of the stands was tione dry, and side has been filled in following place.

The handicap to drop out if he in just over a lap of the Grand is to make the cut. The horse, owned by Irish baptism of the modified politician Sean Barrett, is up for Becher's Brook, where the sale. An offer has been made, threatening ditch on the landing and negotiations are taking side has been filled in following place.

No Smoking looks good Roberts rests value in Times qualifier following fall

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

AFTER extensive watering, the going is expected to be good to firm for the eight races at Mollington today for the Graffina point-to-point, which was postponed from last Saturday.

Two races are qualifiers in The Times Championship

In the first division, there are no proven top-of-the-ground specialists among the leading contenders and while Fernhill

field of 21 at Garthorpe in the last time out.

Cottesmore maiden, where the going was good to firm, and was maning on strongly at the finish.

Molington, 5m north of Barbury (1.0 start). Personate Embra (2.0).

Newwaste Embra (2.0).



THE TIMES

MICHAEL Roberts has been told to rest for 24 hours following his fall on the Newmarket gallops yesterday morning.

Roberts was brought down after the lead horse, White Glow, ridden by Alec Stewart's other stable jockey Mark Banner, broke a leg.

Roberts sustained a bruised neck and shoulders, while Banner was slightly concussed by the Banner was slightly concussed by the second division. At Roberts considered himself

specialists among the leading contenders and while Fernhill in the second division. At Bride, trained by Caroline Saunders, looks to be the object of the contenders, looks to be the object of the contenders of Only rarely are maidens

Only rarely are maidens

Successful in restricted races, but and may just give him the edge this may be one of those over Brownslone, who discussions. No Smoking was appointed when only third at bestern only haif a length in a the Cottesmore in the restricted

mcky to have been able to walk away from the accident. He said:
"We were going at a decent gallop when the lead horse went down. I was winded and although a little stiff, I am otherwise clay."

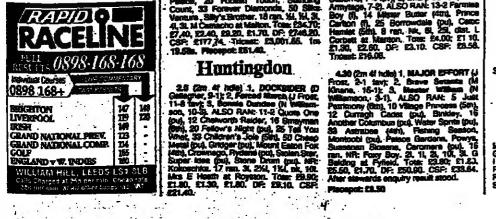
Polyects had to give up three. Roberts had to give up three booked rides at Hamilton yes-terday, and hopes to resume riding at Kempton tomorrow. Blinkered first time

Results from yesterday's two meetings

Hamilton Park

Gober heavy.

2.15 (1m.39) 1, CARE FOR THE POT (M A Gles, 2-1 tov); 2, Pree Minz (G Forstar, 8-1); 3, Thiesbedies (N Kannedy, 10-1), ALSO PAAL 5 Viss Burnos (Grigo), 6 Order Paper, 7 Greenthis Prids, 11 Tiger Cless, 15 Bollin. Gorgeous, Geste's 16 Golf (Stal, 35 Cemdon Kright fetts, Furnace Adl, 5th Dominicus, Brown Hills. 13 var. 11, hd. 41, sh hd, rik. Mrs. J Ramoden at Thirst. Totar 22.40; 21.10, 22.50, 23.30. DF: 25.50, CSP-218.60. Tricest: 2126.20. 2m.41.57s.



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3.45 (1in 40)cis) 1, VICTORY TORCH (Date Gibson, 35-1); 2, Mr Chele Calorember (K Fallon, 5-1 fer); 3, Statistics (J. Lows, 12-1); 4, Sir Chele Calorember (K Fallon, 5-1 fer); 3, Statistics (J. Lows, 12-1); 4, Sir Chelesbychope (P. Sedgwick, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Year (Nogeric, 7 Gashiy, Double Hendhal, 8 Ruedh Adher, Big Chief, 14 Reinviser Welk (Sit), Lip The Ladder, 16 Cunntar, 20 Full Hearthal (Str), Situry Patrol, 25 Meenie Mirrie, What Street Street, 35 Capital Builder, Campb. 18 Fran, 254, 11, 54, 11, 54, K McCassley at Melacorby, Total: 555,710, 98.00, 22.00, 54,50, 52.00, DP: 288,10, CSF: 2199,83, Tricont: 21,578,98, 2m (S. 15e, Retained after no hid.

2.30 (3m ch) 1, EROSTIN FLOATS (R Supple, 13-8 tayl; 2, Lough Road (J Bryan, 7-2; 3, Short List (Peter Holto), 12-1), ALSO PAN: 7-2 Propies (f), 11-2 Desdine (hu), 25 Boschendal (f), Worthy Light Str), 33 High Toby (ur), Parkam (4th), 9 ran, 2, 71, 154, 30. John Upson at Towester. Tote: 22-09; 21-20, 21-50, 21-60. DF-24-40, CSF: 27-78.

3.6 (2m 100yd hdie) 1, ORSETT (J. Driecol, 12-1); 2, Jim Bridger (D. Gellegher, 8-1); 3, Another Serrey (M. Ahem, 9-2 fav); 4, Tigern Pet (R. Supple, 6-1); ALSO RANE 6 Couger, 8 Nore Hill, 9 Chpton, 10 Valgly Perceptive (5th), There You Are (8th), 12 Medicanning (pc), 14 Move About, 25 Breaty Saltor, Bondies (pd), 38 Prix dai: Nord, Aragon Girl (pd), 170 The Daisey, Heroid's Folly, 16 ran. NF: Donosti, 194, 48, 48, 44, 12 Cargill at Newtonistot. Tose: £13.50: £2.80, £1.90, £2.20, £1.90. CF: £16.80. CSF: £105.32. Tricing: \$464.82. Haroid's Folly was withgrawn not under orders. Rule 4 does not apply. Bought in 3,900 guiness.

2.30 (2m 4ich) 1, MCINTEROR (T-Morger, 6-4 fav); 2, Pelis Clone (1 Davies, 16-1; 3, Zes/s Delight (P Harley, 33-1), ALSO RAN-7-2 Sastroust Roc (201), 11-2 Wilst Argesy (4th), 6 Bronze Final, 20 The Fruit (at), Judgment Day (pu), Agua Verde (5th), 25 Ab Helio (pu), 33 Melemano (pu), 56 Sandmoor Prince, 12 rtm, 9-1, 41, 60, 21, 11. J Edwards at Rose-On-Wyo. Toist (2-50; 21.70, 21.90, 215.80, DR: 28.10. GSF: 225.44. Tricost: 2552.54.

4.6 (3m ch) 1, KARAKTER REFERENCE (S McNeil, 3-T); 2, Stream Bridge (J Oeborne, 7-4 tav); 3, Sherp Jewel (Ar M Armyrage, 7-2, ALSO RAN: 13-2 Farmine Boy (f), 14 Misser Buser (4m), Prince Carbon (f), 25 Borrowdale (pd), Casoc Hamlet (5m), 8 rsn. NN, 81, 25, (5x), L Corbett at, Marrion, Tost: \$4.00; £1 10, £1.30, £2.60, DF: £3.10, CSF: £3.56, Thoust: £19.08.

Selections By Mandarin 2.00 Trapper John. 4.20 ESPY (nap). 2.35 Cavvies Clown. 4.50 Multum in Parvo.

By Michael Seety 2.00 TABERNA LORD (nap). 3.45 Kittinger. 4.20 Tort. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.20 CAHERVILLAHOW.

Guide to our in-line racecard

Recorded number. Draw in brackets. Stx-figure form (F-fell, P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. Baset race). Going on which home has won 8 - brought down. S - slipped up. R - released. (F - first, good to first, hard. G - good. D - disqualified, Horse's name. Days since last S - soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trailer. Age and weight. Rider V - visor. H - hood. E - Byeshield. C - course plus any allowance. The Times Private waver. D - distance winner. CD - course and Handicapper's rating.

Going: good (good to firm bottom bend Mildmay course) 2.0 CODBINS HANDICAP HURDLE (£9,200; 3m 1f) (25 rumers)

101 PRE211 TRAPPER JOHN 22 (D,F,8) (Mrs P Penning) M Monts (re) 6-12-0.

102 11-01F9 ARCTIC TEAL 22 (D,F,8) (Mrs P Penning) M Monts (re) 6-12-0.

103 380-000 TEWIT CASTLE 22 (D,F,8) (J Richardson) D Lee 8-10-8.

104 1-04189 ROGERS PRINCESS 22 (D,F,8) (J Richardson) D Lee 8-10-8.

105 210-005 GryUS A BUCK 22 (6) (K Cossillo) D Esworth 7-10-6.

106 8-01F94 SP OF CRANGE 22 (F,0,8) (Mrs R Haggie) Jimmy Fitzpeakl 8-10-1.

107 78-3322 PARSONS GREEN 46 (8) (R Tooth) N Hackerson of 10-0.

108 08-8425 DROWSY 52 (B,F) (Stablemates Perinership) O Sherwood 8-10-0.

109 ARJOSO ATRABATES 22 (B,F,0,8) (Mrs SWalle) Mrs S Branell 7-10-0.

110 255800 PARL EZVOUSPRIANCASIS 22 (B,F,8) (Fittinot Lici) M Pipe 6-10-0.

111 455281 WHAT ABOUT NE 16 (0,0) (Mrs S Walle) Mrs S Branell 7-10-0.

112 400-005 TARSENAL COND 22 (D,0,9) (T Leedbester) A J William 9-10-0.

113 2PP-00F ROSE PULSE 22 (B,6) (R Modelmin) N Handersons 6-10-0.

114 3-29211 ROSETARY 44 (D,8) (P Windowsth) S Mallor 7-10-0.

115 14-6010 TYRED MISHOOKERD 25 (B,8) (R Modelmin) N Handersons 6-10-0.

116 34422 MalLTARY SAND 26 (D,9) (I Jones) Mrs J Rester 12-10-0.

117 3F-2323 WIGNE ROCKET 15 (S) (R Green) C Perint 6-10-0.

129 42452 EASTERN CASS 17 (F,0,5) (J Andews) J Andrews 7-10-0.

120 42452 EASTERN CASS 17 (F,0,5) (J Andrews) J Andrews 7-10-0.

121 400000 DAPPING 21 (Q,5) (Mrs G Jones) Mrs G Jones 7-10-0.

122 41192 BROSER AND GASS 17 (F,0,5) (J Andrews) J Andrews 7-10-0.

123 4-0432 BEL COURSE 25 (F,0,5) (Mrs G Jones) Mrs G Jones 7-10-0.

124 41949 FLYDON GASS 17 (F,0,6) (Mrs G Jones) Mrs G Jones 7-10-0.

125 14-600 BILLY TOSIN 16 (D,P) (J Golding) S Payne 10-10-0.

126 14-18-19-18 JONES 28 (B,0) (J R JONES 29 (B,0) (J 2.0 ODDBINS HANDICAP HURDLE (29,200: 3m 1f) (25 runners) C Swan ... J Outome L Wyer A S States (7) — M Richards P Scudences E Tierney (7)

J Bryan
W Merston (7)

T Read Nice J Thursday

Long handicap: Drowsy 9-11, Atrabates 9-10, Perfectiousfrances 9-9, What About Ne 9-9, Taberna Lord 9-9, Inde Putes 9-8, Rositary 9-6, Tyred N'Snockerd 9-6, Military Band 9-5, Viding Rocket 9-4, Brompton Poat 9-4, The Shiner 9-3, Eastern Cests 9-3, Depping 9-3, Mineral Dust 8-11, Bel Course 7-13, Plying Osts 7-6, Elly Tools 8-10. BETTING: 6-1 Trapper John, 13-2 Sip Of Orenge, 8-1 Rogers Princess, Taberns Lord, 10-1 Prison, 12-1 Ghus A Buck, 14-1 Rostery, 16-1 Arcsic Teel, What About Me, 20-1 Essenti Caste, Inde

1968: BLALOM 8-12-0 J White (9-1) M Robinson 17 ran

FORM FOCUS TRAPPER JOHN best properties of the p

2.35 MARTELL CUP CHASE (Feeture race: 222,218: 3m 1f) (5 runners)

FORM FOCUS TORY TORMS \$1 2nd to he had been forced in the Fold Cup set month. DELRIE 81 2nd to the Gold Cup at Challenham Sm 2, good to the hat north, with CAVVES CLOWN (400 better of) 111 4th. Previously best Maid Of Money 101 in a field due at Challenham Sm 12, good in at the Print (3m, good) lest time out. Previously short-head 2nd to 57 114 4th. Previously best Maid Of Money 101 in a field due at Challenham (3m 14, good) in a field due at Challenham (3m 14, good to 5rm). MAIN O'MAGIC CAVVES CLOWN made at to best Cool Ground 251 at Wincerson (5m 11, good to soft) on penultimate start, with GOLDEN FREND \$3 3rd.

Then after losing 201 at the start ratied when 11741

Selection: TOSY TOBIAS

3.10 SEAGRAM 100 PIPERS TOP NOVICES HURDLE (Feature race: £10,736: 2m) (15 runners)



FORM FOCUS ATLAAL best Cario a head at Kampton (2m, good) on penultimate start. PMLOSPHOE showed improved form to best Calcon at Kampton (2m, good) on penultimate start. Last time, 2H-12nd of 11 to Rouyen at Newcaste (2m, good to firm).

LAST "O' THE SUNCH made at for both successes: this season. Last time, best Greysby %I in 5-runner new at Castarick (2m, good to firm).

MANDER'S WAY, Ightly-raced, best Brown Pepper St at Folkestone (2m 100yd, good to soft) on debut and then is 3rd of 22 to 18-Ne-fithiasen at Warwick (2m, soft) and soft on debut and then is 3rd of 22 to 18-Ne-fithiasen at Warwick (2m, soft) and penultimate start. NEAGH HOUSE (2m, soft) MAN OF THE WEST 18 In 18 Constituents start. NEAGH HOUSE (2m, soft) and penultimate start.

Course specialists



HEROTECHNIST STREET Selections By Our Newmarket Correspondent By Mandarin 2.15 Katie Jo. 2.15 Katie Jo. 2.50 Rebel Raiser. 2.50 Sockern. 3.25 All Fired Up. 3.55 SATIS DANCER (nap). 3.25 All Fired Up. 3.55 Satis Dancer. 4.25 Fiaba. 4.25 Fiaba. 4.55 High Purse. 5.25 Low Dalby. 4.55 Abel Prospect. 5.25 Low Dalby.

Going: firm Draw: 6f, low numbers best 2.15 PYECOMBE APPRENTICE STAKES (£2,511: 1m 2f) (10 runners) (4) 40545-6 BROWZE RUMBER 3 (B.D.F. G3 (A Stroud & Co Ltd) E-Wheeler 6-8-12 B Thomas (s) 51 (3) 00000-0 KIRABI 3 (B.F.) (G Gowthof) J. Long 5-8-12 B Thomas (s) 51 (9) 94800-6 STRIDING EDGE 31J (F) (Mrs C Boring) J Jenkins 5-8-12 P Home (S) 6000-4 JULION (BRL S3J (B.F.) (M Clarke) M McCourt 7-8-7 A Tacker 70 (s) 4000-1 LUCKY (JAK 117-J (Mass J McCourt) R Hoad 4-8-5 C C Campbell 70 (7) 83) SULTAN'S SON 534 (F Selman) F Cole 4-8-5 A Simpson (S) 6000-65 FLYHBO ROOFFER 20J (Edwards and Cartwright Ltd) J Roberts 4-8-0. R Portion (S) 0008-65 FLYHBO ROOFFER 20J (Edwards and Cartwright Ltd) J Roberts 4-8-0. R Portion 90 (S) 2014-1-1 (Cole 1) Cole 1 (Cole BETTING: 2-1 Sultan's Son, 7-2 Ketle Jo., 9-2 Xhai, 13-2 Striding Edge, 8-1 Flying Roofer, 12-1 Brosse mar, Smite Home. 1992: APTITUDE 4-6-12 L Newton (6-1) G Hutler 17 ran

2.50 HURSTPIERPOINT SELLING HANDICAP (\$2,595: 7f) (14 runners) Long handicap : My Serenada 7-1 BETTING: 7-2 Sockern, 5-1 Rebet Reiser, 7-1 Blue Disc, Yamentan, 8-1 Inswinger, 10-1 Paridands Belle, Afri-can Satari, 14-1 Royal Hunt, 16-1 Absolutely Humanna, Hennette Place.

1989: SICALIAN VESPERS 4-8-13 R Fox (14-1) M Blemshard 18 rsn 3.25 SEVEN DIALS GRADUATION STAKES (22,299: 6f) (6 runners)

... A Berry (7)
Paul Eddery
K Derley
J Williams BETTING: 15-8 All Ared Up, 11-4 It's The Pris, 9-2 Iron Mike, Blow & Kiss, 6-1 Colour Scheme, Lily's

1969: BEQUEST 3-8-11 G Starkey (1-6 fav) G Harwood 6 ran

Course specialists

3.45 JOHN HUGHES MEMORIAL TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£18,381: 2m 6f) (30 runners)

Long tendicap: Golden Minatrel 9-13, Welrocol 9-11, General Chandos 9-11, Eton Rouge 9-11, Tarten Trademerk 9-11, Eight Springs 9-9, Wippburt 9-8, Bad Trade 9-8, Crock-Ne-Nee 9-8, Rubble 9-5, Broad Beam 9-5, Our Nobby 9-5, How Now 9-2, John O'Dee 9-0, Impany 8-12, Wally Wombat 8-3, Pan Arctic 7-10. BETTRIC: 8-1 New Helen, 10-1 The Leggett, 12-1 Kittinger, Terten Tredemerk, 14-1 Crock-Me-Nee, 18ts, 16-1 Austie Dot, Gembridge Jupiter, Old Applejeck, Villerstown, 20-1 Bucko, Golden Ministrel, J.-J nry, Relee An Argument, Worlt Be Gone Long, 25-1 Others.

1989: VILLIERSTOWN 10-11-10 S Sharwood (5-2 fev) W A Stephenson

FORM FOCUS VILLERSTOWN 1011

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5.20 SEAGRAM SUPREME NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£5,048: 2m) (22 runners)

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1 (8) 142844 - PIPPA'S DREAM 152 (F) (C Wates) P Cole 9-7
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3 (5) 116351 - CLOSED SHOP 177 (D.F) (Mrs P Winte) S Dow 9-4
4 (3) 0120- WALDING SAINT 160 (G) LI Horgan) R Hearnon 9-3
5 (2) 4-D210 SHIFT SURPRISE 14 (Crescent (UK) Ltd) R Smyth 9-2
6 (1) 428410- INTLITIVE JOE 152 (F) (J Ward Hall) G Lewis 8-13
7 (4) 585430- ALCANTE 155 (Mrs R Smith) R Guest 8-12
8 (7) 4400- POMBIE D'AMOUR 164 (Miss K Rausing) N Graham 8-11
9 (9) 346- VOGOS ANGEL 155 (Mrs J Hayer) Sr Mark Prescott 8-8
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1988: SMIJOUR 3-8-11 J Rekl (15-8 fav) R Johnson Houghton 17 ran 4.25 SOUTHWICK MAIDEN AUCTION GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (£2,080: 5f 66yd) (7 runners)

BETTING: 2-1 Touch of Blue, 7-2 Feba, 4-1 Don't Give Up, 5-1 Gold City, 12-1 Kindly Lady, 16-1 Tender Reach, 20-1 Jadesi.

4.55 LEVY BOARD MAIDEN STAKES (22,469: 1m 2f) (10 runners) R Cockrane Paul Eddery J Matthes

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(7) D BRADMORE'S CHUM 10 (T Brady) G Lewis 9-0
(5) 50- CASILAL FLASH 152 (G Strewbridge) I Balding 9-0
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(2) HIGH PURSE 149 (Prince Yezzi Saud) G Harrier 9-0
(3) 00- SILENT STEPS 171 (R Cursis) M McCormick 9-0
(4) TUDOR BRAVE (Mars L Wastington) R Sempson 9-0
(9) 900-639 GLEBELANDS GIRL 30 (R Bennett) R Bennett 8-8
(8) 30- MUESTA 228 (Witness Lut & Lees Ser Lini) K Brassey 8-9
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5.25 OVENGDEAN HANDICAP (£2,301: 1m 4f) (7 runners) (6) 09-4221 CATHOS 26 (8.5) (W Sturt) J Old 5-9-10 B Raymond
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(1) .94-1052 DADDY'S DARLING 25 (D.F.S) (Southern Cerevan Group) J Gifford 5-7-12 G Certer
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The Times previews the all-important fourth Test match that starts today in Bridgetown, Barbados Awestruck by Gooch regime's practice routine

And whatever the result in these

two remaining Test matches, there

is no ducking the fact: the tour has

been a triumph. Gooch and Stewart have established a new

approach to playing cricket for England: it lacks charm, it lacks

insonciant elegance: it demands to be judged only on results. Well,

they have got the results, and against the best side in the world. One cannot be mealy-mouthed

There is, I think, a slight awe at

their own achievement. A serious victory against the West Indies is

within their grasp: it needs two draws, or a single victory. A 1-1 finish, which requires a single

draw, would hardly be less of an

The odds are stacking up against

them, injury by injury. The damage to Gooch is what wornes most

Bridgetown
I WAS in the press box at the
Kensington Oval, next to one of
the many former pro cricketers who have turned journo. We were awaiting the delayed start of Tuesday's one-dayer. The rain was light but persistent. The covers were out. So were the England

A pair were taking steepling catches. There were two or three more couples taking "throwdowns", an exercise in hand and eye co-ordination in which one player throws incessantly at another with a bat. As usual, proceedings were quietly intense.

"Look at them!" said the former pro. "Practising! In the rain! It's an insult to the profession!" This was said half in jest, half in wonderment. This is the work ethic gone

Remember the era of "voluntary nets"? These were David Gower's famous last words during England's last tour of the West Indies, which was, of course, a 5-0 blackwash. The concept of the



to the dustbin of history. So has another cricket tradition: the concept of what pros call "naughty boy nets". This is a method of using practice as a form of punishment. But in today's England camp, all life is grim: most of life is some form of punishment: nets are just another

painful, vital duty, one from

which there is no escape. Practices stretch to unprecedented lengths. Eleven 'til almost three: not the coolest part of the day, that. The intensity, the sense of purpose and direction, the aura of certainty: these are the novelties of the Gooch regime.

I was there when it all began: in the Nehru Cup one-day com-petition in India last October. Practices were notable for Micky

ing it up as the martinet serveant major, effing and blinding at the top of his lungs. This has changed. I think everyone is more secure in his role: does not need to overplay the part.

These practices are, if anything, even more intense than they were in Delhi. There is a taut silence that dominates the proceedings. Some teams express their solidarity by shouting and bantering during practice: morale is boosted in jokes and teases.

I have seen Australian sides enliven fielding practice by making it a competition, yelling the score at each other and trading insults. But English minds are filled with business. And even as the thump and clatter of the eternal nets echoes on, the Maimed Captain, Graham Gooch of the Broken Hand, is running round and round and round, lap after lap around the boundary boards at the Oval, face as grim as ever, sweat pouring off him.
If England lose, it will not be

people, of course: Gooch is the keystone of the arch: take him out and where is the structural

Gooch is the leadership. This is the side he has created in his own

dedicated, charmless and spectacularly efficient image. He is the sun around which the team revolves. How will his absence affect performance in the field?

His batting was the bedrock of the England side in the last Test: he is the one England player around whom even the West Indies walk a bit stiff-legged. All the same, I have a suspicion that this may not be the out-and-out disaster it looks. His absence will force the other batsmen into positions of greater responsibility. Larkins, Smith and Lamb know that a huge weight has fallen on them: such things can inhibit — or

Gooch has performed a kind of miracle in making this starless bunch of cricketers, a band with no more than a handful of Tests between most of them, into the first proper England cricket team of the post-Botham era: Not only that, but one capable of pulling off the greatest feat an England cricket team has managed for decades.

Perhaps Gooch's greatest individual minacle has been over Devon Malcolm: converted from wild and reckless sprayer to a sleek engine of destruction. What have they done? The man's self-image has improved out of all recognition. People now talk about him as the fastest bowler in the world. He made Haynes and Greenidge send out for extra protection. And he is not just fast: he is straight.

He looks wonderfully benign,

with his schoolboy glasses — he looks as if he should be wearing a degree hood and a mortar board but he has performed wonders of ferocity. He stands as a symbol of what Gooch and Stewart have achieved: he is a triumph of selection and of man

The tension is cranking up ever-tighter for this Test match. These are the highest stakes that England have played for in years. As for the West Indies, to sweat and struggle

One can see this as a measure of their decline. Well, the side did not seem to be in decline less than two years back, during Findand's infamous Summer of the Five

. Who were they? This will become one of the great trivia questions in sport. Gatting Cowdrey, Emburey, Pringle (briefly deputizing in the field) and Gooch. Of them all, I thought.

the worst appointment was i was right in one way - the tour of India was cancelled through his appointment, because of objections to his South African connections. But I did not rate Gooch as a

leader either. Wrong, wasn't I? Today, he stands on the thresh-old of the greatest achievement of any England captain for decades What is more, all this must now be achieved vicariously. Greatness a at last within his grasp; but, broken handed, he is forced to delegate the task of seizing it. And this is the toughest test of all.

England weakened but defiant England's bowlers

TEN weeks ago, as England set off for the Caribbean, I compared their task to climbing a mountain in stiletto heels. Today, tired, footsore but defiant, they are approaching the most dangerous part of their ascent.

Kensington Oval has been the resting place of many a tour's ambitions. West Indies have won their last eight Tests here. They have only ever lost on the ground once, to Bob Wyatt's England team in 1935. As Test form goes, this is a home banker and England are not in the health to suggest they can break the sequence.

It has been a revelation to witness thorough organization and single-minded motivation inspire a fundamentally moderate group of players to outplay the world champions, as they have done in two successive Tests.

By rights, they ought to be unassailably 2-0 ahead going into the two final games. But they are not and, at the risk of seeming churlish, I now have to question whether they can hold on to their dream.

These are the worryingly persuasive facts: West Indies, snorting with wounded pride, are at full strength for the first time in the series, their only selection difficulty involving which of their fast bowlers to immune to injuries for so long, now have so many that they can not think of finalizing a team until staging a fitness parade this morning.

The loss of Graham Gooch is the single most devastating thing which could have happened to this England team.
The potential loss of Angus
Fraser, their most reliable
bowler, is not far behind.

West Indies batting and fielding

SURVIVAL turned into something of a lottery when a blanket

of overnight snow delayed the start of the second round in the

northern women's open four-somes tournament at Ringway

for five hours yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes). In an attempt to make good

the loss of time, officials decided that the two scheduled rounds

would each be played over nine Sara Robinson, the England international, and kim Fer-guson, from Northumberland, the holders, were the first said,

the holders, were the first nota-ble heads to roll when they were

WEST INDES: from I V A Richards (captain), D L Haynes, C G Greenidge, R B Richardson, C A Best, A L Logie, C L Hooper, P J L Dujon, M D Marshall, E A Moseley, I R Bishop, C A Walsh, C E L Ambrose.

Mosaley, I R Bishop, C A Wateri, C E L Ambrose. ENGLAND: from A J Lamb (captain), D M Smith, W Larkins, A J Stevent, R A Smith, N Hussain, R J Balley, D J Capel, R C Russed, P A J DeFreitzs, G C Small, A R C Praser, D E Malcolm, E E Hemmings. Umpires: D Archer and L Barker.

Even the cheerful dis-position of Allan Lamb has been subdued by the burden suddenly thrust upon him. Since his elevation to the captaincy he has adopted the careworn expression of one who knows that there is potential for everything to go horribly wrong and fears that the blame will be laid at his

Lamb has conspicuously been shielded from the enormous press contingent, whether by management design or his own preference.
Micky Stewart, the team manager, has given daily updates on the casualty situation but with a terseness indicative of his anxious mood.

The Bridgetown pitch has for some years been the fastest in the Caribbean. This week, both for the Barbados match and the one-day international, it has also been even of pace and bounce, the best batting surface England have encountered on tour. Stewart, however, is plainly un-convinced that the Test pitch will be as consistent.

there was at Trinidad." He advisability of putting West Indies into bat if Lamb wins the toss, but the customary pattern here is for the faster

TEST MATCH AVERAGES

beaten 3 and 2 by Pat Downes and Cath Weatherstone, of Win-dermere, who won two of the first three holes. They were unable to match their oppo-

nents' four at the 4th, but went

Joanne Morley, the Cheshire

champion, and Julie Hogg, a Lancashire player, also made an

early departure, against Wendy
Casson and Margaret Boggett,
from Saddleworth. They toiled
over the opening holes then lost
the chance of reducing a twohole deficit by taking three putts
on the 7th green.

two ahead at the 6th.

R C Russell R A Smith



Pointing the way: Richardson hammers England towards defeat in the one-day international at Bridgetown

morning, he said: "There is insertion may not be quite so plenty of grass on it — at this vital to the outcome as it stage, possibly even more than threatened to be at Port of vital to the outcome as it Spain, but I fancy Viv Richwould not be drawn on the ards will be keen to find out.

Richards rejoined his play-ers on Tuesday, his haemorrhoid condition evidently under control and his bowlers to enjoy themselves confidence high that the series on the first morning, while will be all square by next some moisture remains. An Tuesday.

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The teaser for the West Indian selectors concerns the final fast-bowling position and there remains the unthinkable prospect that Malcolm Marshall could be left out on his home ground. He has not looked his old, menacing self at any stage on this tour and, even before breaking a finger, his fitness left plenty to be

England will pick the fittest and the bravest. David Smith, hideously unlucky to join the injury list on his first match day, seems unlikely to be fit enough. His thumb still hurt him too much to bat in the nets yesterday and Stewart admitted: "If the Test started today, he could not play."

The manager's son, Alec, is the deputy opener and will play through the discomfort of a cracked little finger. Nasser Hussain will play his second Test despite persistent pain in

Manager Stewart shrugs at the minefield through which his team are treading. "You are always going to play this game carrying pain," he said.

SCOREBOARD FROM BARBADOS

D M Smith b Mosek W Lerkins b Walsh . R A Smith run out ... Extres (b 2, lb 8, w 14, nb 12) Total (3 witts, 36 overs) 214

D J Capel, †R C Russell, P A J DeFreitzs, C C Lewis, G C Small and E E Herumings did not bet.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-98, 3-161.

"D L Haynes o Hussell b Hommings C G Greenidge o Russell b Smell R B Richardson b Small C A Best o sub (Stewart) b Capel A L Logle o Laridins b DeFreites C L Hooper o Laridins b Smell †P J L Dujon not out

Stras (86, nb2, wd1) ... Total (6 wids, 37.3 overs)

M D Marshall, C E L Ambrose and C A Welsh did not bet

Umpires: D Archer and L Berker West Indies win series S-0. First two internationals rained off, Third international (Jamaica): West Indies won by three wickets. Fourth inter-national (Guyana): West Indies won by six wickets.

of further success

WELL, one can hardly say that my comeback against Barbados in a borrowed England shirt was an outstanding success. A day in the field to start with was a fa the field to start with was a sur-test to see if the few jogs I had in Guyana and Trinidad had ac-tually had any effect and, after a day chasing leather from Greenidge and Best, I was almost impressed with myself.

I was not quite so happy the following morning and, by the time I had fficked a ball from the worst of the Barbados seament on the day into square leg's hands, I was starting to get a bit browned off. Still, it is one way

In any case, my minor prob-lems are exactly that in compar-son to the glitches that have hit the England camp. Ezra Moseley appears intent on coutinuing in the role of his-man, and took the chance in Tuesday's international to hit new-comer David Smith both on the helmet and the thumb—hardly before Graham Gooch's replacement had had time to

But Smith is a born fighter and will be drawing on all his competitive talents for today's Test match, at the top of a batting order which has lost its most experienced player. Gooch bas been aware throughout the



series will be the ultimate examination of the speat of this touring party.

Lamb and Larkins, the two senior players left, will have in inspire the talented younger tions to reach new height of performance against a West Indies attack which will have been encouraged by the final throes of the Trimidad Test, and probably by some extra pace and bounce in the Ressington wickets.

wicket.
The key lies with England's bowlers. If Angus Fraser does not report fit, another dain's could appear in their asmose, it is the pressure that the besten have maintained on file. West Indies battsmen that has given England the West Indies battsmen will be just as much aware of that as they start this match.
Whether or not they can come to terms with that pressure will decide whether the West Indies bowlers will have enough runs bowlers will have enough runs to play with to ensure the victory they desperately crave, and which England must des-perately deny them.

Extra pace threat in Barbados Test

teams at Bridgetown, Barbedos, mes, though, for England to where the fourth Test starts avoid defeat; the five matches today, can be likened to being between 1953-54 and 1980-81 welcomed into a friend's expression of the produced 15 individual century.

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The ground has generally

SCOTLAND

welcomed into a friend's exquisitely kept garden and being
politiely mugged. The match at
Kensington Oval represents one
of England's fiercest trials of the
tour, and perhaps their likeliest
scene of defeat.

England can expect to ment
the quickest patch of the series in
Bridgetown: pitches with pace
and bounce are what have won
West Indies the last eight Tests
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the case when he said that all touring teams are frightened of playing in Barbados.

The case when he said that all the chairman of selectors, who attended the match, openly criticized the lack of resolve of Gower's team.

England have won only one
Test in Bridgetown, on a rainaffected pitch in 1934-35, when
they were left a target of 73 to
win and got home by four
wickets.

The ground has a second to the side playing as though they did
not expect to lose. And England
are the side playing is though they did
not expect to lose. And England are the side playing as a team.

CYCLING

Frison races

to first win in top event WEVELGEM, Beignum (Ruster) – Herman Frison, of Beignum, recorded his first victor) in a leading event when he sugged past his compatitot. Johan Museeuw, in the closing stages of the 204-kilometre Chent to Wevelgem user vesterater.

Ghent to Wevelgem user yesterday.

Frison outsprinted Misseaw and four other riders to win legant Somm. Museuw was seconical and Franco Ballerini, of Italy, third. "Museuw stated sprinting from too far out.

Frison said.

The decause move came when Nico Verhoeven of Ballerini, Surpose the Netherlands, and Bud! Dhaenens, of Belghini, surpose up the pace on the state.

Kemmel Hill.

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HOCKEY

Krishman goal takes London into the final

By Sydney Friskin

LONDON emerged from a the score to 1-1, after Hollway hard-fought match with a 1-0 had given the Irish the lead victory over Wales at Peffermill Hollway himself squared the Sports Ground, Edinburgh, yes-Sports Ground, Edinburgh, yesterday, to reach the final of the British Universities Sports Federation tournament, where they will meet UAU I, who beat Scotland 2-1 after extra time.

match at 2-2 in a goal for Wales.

The Irish, we exciting hockey of the tournament, where they will meet UAU I, who beat scotland 2-1 after extra time.

Paul Krishman scored the only goal of the game from a short corner in the 33rd minute, after Eusteson had miscued at the first attempt. Wales fought furiously to redress the balance, but could not break down the London defence. London defence.

They missed a good chance of equalizing midway through the second half when Head placed a shot wide of the target.

London had won the first pool after a I-1 draw with UAU I in the morning, Eusteson scoring for London, from a short corner, and Lee replying for UAU.

Oxford were third in the pool after a 2-1 win over UAU II. Grimes, from a short corner, and Sambury scored for Oxford, while Litchfield, from a short corner, found the net for UAU. The exciting three-way strug-gle for supremacy in the second ge for supremacy in the second McDonald and Jane Burley pool ended with Northern Ireland dropping out of the race after losing 3-2 to Wales, who snatched victory with a late goal by Simon Wilson.

He had scored earlier to bring A 1, Loutrings Q. Scottand C. England B Q. Northern Ireland 2, Wales Q. England B Q. Northern Ireland 2, Wales Q. England B Q. Northern Ireland 2, England B Q. Northern Ireland 2, England B Q. Northern Ireland 2, Wales Q.

The Irish, who had played excining hockey on the first day of the tournament, finished fourth in the pool behind Cambridge, who last 1-0 to Scotland when Crompton snatched a late

goal.
REBULTS: First pool: Oxford 2, UAU H 1;
UAU I 1. London 1. Final pischage: 1,
London, Spis; 2, UAU I, 3; 3, Oxford, 2; 4,
UAU R, 0. Section pool: Scotland 1,
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 England A won the women's round-robin series after their 1-0 victory over Northern Ireland.
 They went through the tournament without conceding a goal in five matches and scoring 13.

The only goal against the Irish was claimed by Janet McAdoo, who also scored in the 1-0 success over Loabridge. Northern Ireland beat Wales 2-0, with goals from Joanna Hopkins and Mary King Susan McDonald and Jane Burley

SNOW REPORTS SCOTLAND

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By David Rhys Jones

ENGLAND, the reigning cham-pions, comprehensively out-played Ireland, last winter's

wooden-spoonists, in the open-ing match of the CIS home

international indoor series at

Steven Adamson's rink had the distinction of finishing three shots in front of English four of David Bryant, while John Nutt's Irish rink finished level

with Andy Thomson's. How-ever, England won easily on the

That the result was eminently predictable will be no consola-tion to the luckless Irish, who, as

hosts of the series, were hoping to put up a better performance.

"Ceud Mile Failte", the mess-age on the stadium wall, is written in scottish, not Irish,

Gaelic - a poignant reminder that the host nation offering "A Hundred Thousand Welcomes"

is reluctantly doing so on foreign soil. They would have preferred to be pushing the boat out on their home carpet at

The England mastery of their opponents was so complete that, after they had exerted their authority during the first few ends, they appeared to coast to victory; the game began to resemble a friendly roll-up at the local club, hardly an international encounter.

125 shots to 87.

Rovers look to help from Government for future planning

BRISTOL Rovers intend to sponse to early informal invest the money made from overtures from Rovers, who their first Wembley cup final, share Twerton Park with Bath against Transmere Rovers in City, its owners, and have the Leyland Daf competition already had rejected two next month, in a new stadium, applications to develop sites which they hope to build on in Bristol. the eastern edge of Bristol.

The club estimates that the site will cost between £6-7 throughout the League. Commillion to construct, but, for ing in the wake of Lord Justice once, money is not the prin- Taylor's recommendations cipal obstacle between con- that clubs move to green-field cept and reality. The primary sites out of town centres, it is problem is certain to be planning permission.

The proposals, which have is prepared to favour football, been submitted in outline to An indication of how seri-Kingswood Borough Council, are for an all-seater stadium, with a capacity for 11,000 spectators and 2,000 cars at Carsons Road, Mangotsfield. It will have direct access on to the Avon ring road, which is presently under construction.
Situated away from residential areas, it is the sort of new location envisaged by Lord Justice Taylor in his final report on the Hillsborough disaster. The catch is that the site is in a protected green belt rea, and is therefore facing

Yet if Rovers are rebuffed regarded as a test case of bether the planning system.

ously football is following the case was provided at a press conference in London to present the proposals yes-terday. Among the speakers were Arthur Sandford, the chief executive of the League, Bill Fox, its president, and Glenn Kirton, the external affairs officer of the Football Association.
As Sandford said: "We hope

the Government will help us by making a presumption in favour of planning for football grounds." If this does not strong local opposition. happen, the clubs will struggle to fulfil Lord Justice Taylor's ready given a negative re- demand that all first and

Liverpool close in on championship

IVERPOOL reinforced the be-LIVERITOOL reanforced the be-lief that they will win the League-championship again by bearing Wimbledon, their conquerors in the 1988 FA Cup final, 2-1 at Anfield on Tuesday night (Lou-ise Taylor writes). Goals by Rush and Gillespie — struck before Gibson's late consolation provided Kenny Dalglish's further cushioned by an extra game in hand, over Aston Villa at the top of the first division. Any suggestion that Queen's Park Rangers's interest in the season had waned with their defeat by Charlton Athletic on desert by Chanton Athietic on Saunday was strongly refuted at The Dell with a vigorous perfor-mance against Southampton that finally got its just deserts with goals from Maddix and Wegeric in the final 15 minutes. The 2-0 victory hoisted Rang-ter from helious the helfurni ers from below the halfway point in the first division table to seventh position, and revived their hopes of a place in the leading four. It also reflected the

ation as the finest counter-attacking team in the second division, provided a classic example of the art at Bramall Lane, conjuring three goals out of a match in which they had

The 3-1 victory, which lifts Sunderland to fifth, not only enhanced their chances of progressing to the play-offs, but dented the prospects of Sheffield United of wresting the division title from Leeds United. Deane may have scored after just 40 seconds, but Sunderland recovered to sting Sheffield three times through goals from Bracewell and Gabbiadini, who, with the state of the s

three times through goals from Bracewell and Gabbiadini, who, with two goals, boosted his season's taily to 23.

Transere Rovers qualified for a Wembley meeting with Bristol Rovers in the final of the Leyland DAF Cup on May 20. The Merseysiders wen the northern section final, courtesy of a land of the properties. nothern section innat, coursely of a 1-1 draw at Doncester. Rovers, which counted them of a 3-1 aggregate victory. Muir embellished his predatory reputsecond division representatives are all-seater by 1994, with the remainder following suit by 2000.

Geoffrey Dunford, a director of the club, said that, if the proposals were sanctioned, the finance would be raised by a again, the ripples will be felt combination of "Chib mone -we already have around £1.5 million raised from the sale of players - funding from the Football Trust, future player sales, appearing at Wembley [the Leyland Daf Cup should generate at least £200,000], and commercial input from

> • Starting life in 1981 as the Football League Group Cup, followed by Football League Trophy and Associate Members' Cup, the competition has since been sponsored by Brit-ish Leyland who, though changing the name three times, are the longest-running sponsors in senior football (Martin Searby writes).
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> It took off when the final was played at Wembley and this year's teams will be hoping to beat the record receipts of more than

£550,000 two years ago, when 80,841 saw Wolverhampton Wanderers beat Burnley 2-0. "We would be expecting to make around £150,000," Nor-man Wilson, the Tranmere secretary, said. "It is a big reward and there is further profit to be made from the commercial spin-offs such as

various functions." The turn-around in Tranmere's fortunes in the three years since they faced benkruptcy is a heartening tale for other clubs

travel, souvenirs, bers, and

When their American owner ran out of cash in February 1987, Peter Johnson, a local businessman, took over, reinstated John King as manager and set about revitalizing a club which fin-ished the year in twentieth place in the fourth division. No longer dependent upon the sympathy vote from the Everton and Liverpool supporters across the water, ates have gone up from a 1,500 average to 8,000, and ground improvements have turned Prenton Park into a spruce setting for a team which plays attractive football and no longer needs to cash in assets such as Ian Muir and



Cruyff is favourite to become Dutch coach

THE HAGUE (Reuter) — Thijs Libregts, the Dutch national coach, lost a legal battle to keep his job yesterday, leaving the way open for a new coach to be appointed to take charge of the side in the World Cup finals in Italy this summer.

A Dutch district court in Utrecht rejected his request for an injunction against the Dutch football association (KNVB) for the right to serve out his

football association (KNVB) for the right to serve out his contract, which expires on July I during the World Cup finals.

Libregts guided Holland to the finals in Italy, which start on June 8, but has lost the confidence of leading players. The KNVB suspended him last month after players called on him to resign and has made clear it wants to replace him.

The court ruled that relations between the Dutch national side and Libregts had become

and Libregts had become "unworkable and untenable" and said the KNVB had the right to take any necessary action to put an end to the

Johan Cruyff, the Barcelona coach, the Ajax Amsterdam coach, Leo Beenhakker, and Aad de Mos, of Anderiecht, are And de Mos, of Andersecht, are tipped as the most likely candidates to replace Libregu, who took over from Rinus Michels after Holland won the 1988 European Champiouship.

The Algemeen Dagblad newspaper reported yesterday that

Michels, who holds a post with the KNVB, would fly to Barce-lona next week to discuss prospects of Cruyff taking over the

Cruyff was reported to be favoured by eight of the side's 15 players. Aged 42, he rose to fame on the field for Ajax during the early 1970s when they won the European Cup for three consecutive years. He moved to Barcelons in 1973 and her since. long in 1973 and has since coached both teams.

• STRASBOURG - The European Community welcomed proposals from UEFA, Euro-pean football's governing body, to make it easier for players to work throughout the 12 member

nations.

The EC's executive commission called UEFA's plans a positive step, but said yesterday it would seek further concessions.

"The Commission considers UEFA's gesture a move in the right direction," a Commission statement said.

The right of all workers, football players included, to ply their trade anywhere within the EC is one of the planks of the Community's drive to create a single barrier-free internal market by the load of 190? ker by the end of 1992. National football authorities

in the member states, anxious to preserve the link between teams and their local communities, currently apply a range of restrictions on the number of By George Ace

"sporting nationality."
Based on a system developed in Belgium, sporting nationality would be conferred on players who had spent five years in their adopted country, two of them in a junior league.

The Commission wanted the proposely to take effect before

foot shot into the net with only four minutes gone, to end a scoreless sequence which had stretched to nine games, Argentina must have expected to score a few more. But further goals never came and Lorenzo's effort was all that expected the teams was all that separated the teams

The Republic of Ireland have dismissed as "absolute rubbish" suggestions that they want to take over England's World Cup base on Sardinia.

Ireland are booked into a hotel recommended to them by Argentina played delightful one-touch football, showed suferent class to the Irish League champions. But Linfield dischampions. But Linfield dis-played a steely determination and played with passion throughout. They thoroughly deserved the standing ovation accorded them at the finish. "I thought we played well; Linfield were a good test," Bilardo said afterwards. He said Pappalardo, secretary of the Sardinian organizers, reportedly claimed that Ireland were unwilling to accept anything other than England's accommodation and training facilities.

given a

CARLOS Bilardo, manager of Argentina's national team, has said often enough recently that his side's inability to score goals was his biggest worry. And one could see why at Windsor Park, Belfast, on Tuesday when the world champions faced Linfield, a side made up mainly of part-

When Lorenzo hooked a left

In one of the best matches, Pip Branfield's four started strongly against the Jim Baker outfit they had overwhelmed at Swansea three years ago. Baker's men, however, climbed back from a 14-5 deficit, and levelled at 15-15, before giving best, 18perb close control and not surprisingly looked in a difhe was pleased, despite the lack

Argentina stern test

Only two changes had been made from last year's championship-winning side, Mervyn King replacing Mark Woodhouse as Tony Alkock's number three, and Graham Standley being recalled in place of Steve Haimai, who was The national selectors will be relieved that King, aged 23, a gamekeeper from Hunstanton, who was making his first interwho was making his hist international appearance, played well for Allcock, whose rink beat Sammy Allen's by 20 shots to 12, and that Standley gave good support to David Ward, whose rink beat Barry Dunlop's by 21 shors in 10.

after 90 minutes.

The four of John Bell were England's most successful combination. They gave David Corkill's men a hard time, winning 29-10, but, as an anonymous Welshman whispered: "Tomorrow it could be anyone of the other five rinks who does the damage. The team has no weaknesses." England play Wales today. of goals.

Northern Ireland's under-21 Plant soones (English sides Srst): Thomson 20, J Nutt 20; D Ward 21 Dunion 10; P Brantield 18, J Baler 18 Bell 29, D Corkill 10; A Allook 20, S Al 12; D Bryant 17, S Ademson 20

team led Israel 2-1 at Coleraine when the floodlights failed just before the end of the 90 minutes.

IN BRIEF

shots to 10.

Tennis trio unmoved

THREE Australian Davis Cup tennis players yesterday rejected demands by their government not to take part in a sanctions-breaking tour in South Africa. Wally Masur, Darren Cahill and John Fitzgerald said in Johannesburg that it was their right to work where they chose. Masur doubted if the trio would be dropped from the Davis Cup.

Trials draw

MARK Todd, the Olympic gold medal winner, and May Hill are among the entries for the Burnham Beeches horse trials next Wednesday. Other leading riders include Clarissa Strachan, Rodney Powell, Jon Evans and Alice Clapham.

Court task

CLEARVIEW Brentwood have the task of halting the Slazenger Heston team's progress in the semi-finals of the Vauxhall Indoor Tennis Club Trophy at Queen's Club, London, on Saturday. Heston have not dropped a point so far. In the other semifinal, Queen's meet likley.

In the family

invited to play in the Benson and Hedges International Open next month on the St Mellion golf course his father designed. brain surgery two weeks ago.

Pritchard transfers to Penarth

determination of Don Howe, their coach, to avoid a fourth defeat in 21 games since he succeeded Trevor Francis.

By Owen Jenkins

GORDON Pritchard has resigned as coach to Pontypool and has taken up the coaching duties of Penarth. Pritchard, who last year became the first rugby league player to be allowed back into rugby union in Wales, joined Pontypool in the close season and will take up his new position immediately.

He wanted to bring a rugby league approach to his coa but things did not go according to his plans. He said: "I wanted to do it my way. There are good people in Pontypool but I have found it difficult to work under the system there is. I thought things would have changed after coming back, but they have not. The offer I have had from Penarth is to do things my own Penarth is to do things my own way, as I see fit. In six mouths time, I will either be committing suicide or things will have

Although Pritchard will be the coach, the role in effect will be a managerial one. He added: "No one else will be responsible for decisions as regards the team. The first thing I have to do is to see what we have got. There is a base to work with. I know Penarth are a bit of a laughing stock at the moment but at least 172 he are 182 he a I'll be doing it my way. I hope people don't expect miracles

Selectors facing a familiar task at an unfamiliar level

Christopher Malkin, two

gifted goalscorers.

ENGLAND'S management team will meet this weekend to discuss the likely composition of the team to play an Italian President's XV on May 1, and the party to travel to Argentina in July. Before then, however, England have an under-21 international against The Netherlands to consider and last August.
"We are still not quite right at
this level. I would like to sit
down at the end of the season plans for that team are well

After watching England beat Wales 37-3 in the student interal at West Hartlepool on Tuesday evening, John Elliott, the antional selector who chairs the under-21 panel, will watch the under-21 divisional game between London and the South-West at the Stoop Memorial Ground next Wednesday before settling his XV to play the Dutch on April 29.

"But whatever you do at under-21 level, it has to be an integral part of the senior set-up, whether at international, divisional or county level. The point is to develop boys for their respective senior sides and, at the same time, we can develop coaches and selectors."

If the selectors have a wealth of telest in certain positions portant," Elliott said yesterday.
"We have seen London against
the New Zealand youth team
before Christmas, and the North beat the Midlands at Doncaster last month. But we have been following players since a group of them came together at Trent

of talent in certain positions from which to choose against. The Netherlands, they are likely to experiment further in the game a fortnight later against the French Combined services, which will be played near Fomainebleau on May 12.

The student international, in fact, contained only two players. and be able to fit under-21 internationals into the following season, and to have a full season, and to have a full divisional championship so that all the boys could have three games each. Some of them, particularly those in the Midlands and London, get a lot of exposure, but the others deserve more and a championship would give them that chance. fact, contained only two players qualified for the under-21s, de Glanville, the Durham Univer-

Bitter rivals meet in Welsh league

THE new national league in Wales opens on September 22 with Pontypool pitched against Newbridge for the first time since the clubs stooped playing each other in 1986; and Llanelli against Pontypridd, whose togget open the party of the part rid encounters were scratched off the fixture list 14 months ago after a stormy cap match.

The Pontypool-Newbridge dispute goes back to an incident in the 1985-86 season when David Bishop, of Pontypool,

In the return match that season at Pontypool, Newbridge

ended the game with 13 men because of injuries, yet Ponty-pool were the first to call off

Lianelli's row with Ponty-pridd was over a sneak punch from behind by the home

Newbridge — a punch which landed Bishop in court, cost him a day in jail and a year's ban from the WRU.

flanker, Mac Knowles, which put Russell Cornelius in hospital Earlier in the season, Iwan Jones, of Llanelli, had 14 stitches in a head wound when

The other premier division games on the first weekend will have Cardiff hosting Swansea, Neath, the title favourities, entertaining Abertillery and ei-ther Glamorgan Wanderers or Maesteg against Bridgend.

Guscott to Aberavon keen to remain with Bath

JEREMY Guscott, the England centre, has told the struggling rugby league club, Huddersfield, that he is not interested in turning professional at present. Huddersfield had made an audacious £300,000 offer for the

audacious £300,000 offer for the Bath player, aged 24, after he was dropped for the Pilkington Cup semi-final at Moseley. Dave Parker, a Huddersfield director, said: "I'm dis-appointed I thought he would at least have talked it over with

 Steve Smith, the former England scrum half, will make a comeback for Sale against Wakefield on Saturday — at the

Steve Thomas, their captain and scrum half, aged 33, for five matches, following his sending off for persistent dissent against

Coventry have suspended

Headingley at Kirkstall last Saturday. John Carleton, the former England wing, will return to the Orrell first team on Saturday for the first time in two years. Carleton, whose three tries at against Scotland at Murrayfield

won England the grand slam in 1980, is called back at centre 1980, is called back at centre after a long injury lay-off.

Richard Mogg, aged 34, the Gloucester centre, is in line to make his 500th senior appearance for the club in the decisive Courage Clubs Championship match at Notingham on April 28 Victory would give Glouces. 28. Victory would give Gloucester the title.

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RUGBY LEAGUE SLALON LAGER ALLIANCE Barrow 32, Workington 15: Huddensteid 37, Warrington 55: Cartain & Trafford Bordogh

upset the odds By Owen Jenkins IN ANY normal year few people He is a tremendous asset on the would give Aberavon any chance of beating Bridgend in

the Schweppes Cup semi-final at Llanelli on Saturday. But if recent sporting trends are any criteria, who would bet against Certainly not one senior

UEFA, in January, proposed

blanket compromise to come into effect at the beginning of 1993 which would allow first division clubs to field three players from other EC states,

hus two others having acquired sporting nationality."

proposals to take effect before 1993 and to be extended to teams in other divisions,

Bobby Robson but Roberto

However, the Football
Association of Ireland general
secretary, Tony O'Neill, said:
"That is an insult to us. We have

the best of relations with Eng-

land and I am sure they are as amazed as we are by these

committee man at Aberavon who, with rather more hope than faith, placed two early-season bets of £10 on his club. reach the final, and the other, at 500-1, to win the cup. The Wizards have certainly

The Wizards have certainly upset the odds on their way to this stage. They were unfancied when they defeated both Newbridge and Pontypool. But those victories were accomplished with their scrum half, but of the control of the contr Ray Giles.

He has since been banned by the Welsh Rugby Union after being sent off a month ago, and Aberavon will miss his experience. He was the one player who could control a match for them. However, their opponents have had a poor run recently, so Aberavon, who have appeared in two finals but never won the trophy, feel they can upset the odds.

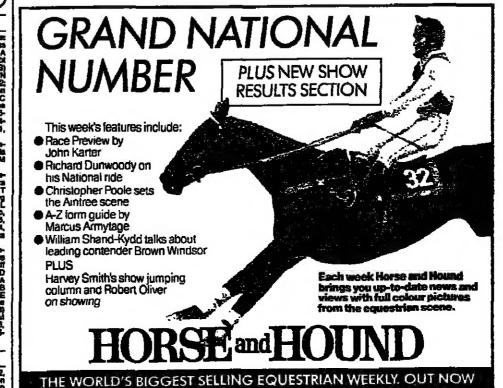
Their resurgence in the cup this season coincides with the arrival of Max Wiltshire, the

field. He can vary his game and gets it all organized. He's like another forward and it's caused us a beadache because our other scrum half is out with a broken

Wiltshire is the first to admit that there is a lot of work to be done. Not being one of the fashionable clubs, they have found it difficult to retain or attract players. But this season's cup run has given the club and its supporters some confidence, and could help rejuvenate their forumes. They have a crop of young, talented players and Wiltshire, along with fellow coach, Leslie Keen, is now planning a formula for the future. Wiltshire added: "I'm prob-

ably looking at it from a different angle. Being from the same sort of school of learning as Ron Waldron, we have a similar approach. It's the old way of thinking to some extent. The forwards must secure the hall for the backs to use, it's as "I have been concentrating on

the fitness aspect of the players.
We are still not fit enough, but
we are working on it. I'm still
not satisfied with our rucking
and mauling and our tight play. Our handling needs to be safe former international second and sure. I knew there was yery upset for being sent off and his loss is a big blow to us.



SPORT

A football 'murder' that never took place

From Ken Shulman in Rome and John Goodbody in London

AN ITALIAN television station has had to apologize for a programme about English football hooliganism which contained a fictitious account of a Chelsea supporter being killed by a Manchester City gang in 1988.

The episode, screened last month on Canale 5, has created a furore in Italy, only two months before the first match in the World Cup finals, for there are widespread fears that the tournament will be marred by conflicts between rival

There is concern that the film will further inflame a situation about which there is already unease, because of the violent reputation of a small minority of England supporters and the memories of the 1985 Heysel Stadium disaster, when day after the crime. 39 Juventus supporters died before the European Cup final against Liverpool.

On March 6, Canale 5, the station owned by Silvio Berlusconi, who is also the president of AC Milan, screened a programme devoted to the subject of English hooliganism. It began by showing a fictionalized episode of stadium violence in England.

Then, as an overture to the debate, Gigi Moncalvo, the Canale 5 reporter, projected an episode which he narrated from off the screen, describing the killing of a Cheisea supporter by a group of City supporters during a match in London. Immediately after the assault scene, the programme showed a film of the police

Franco Arturi, an editor at La Gazzetta dello Sport, the Milan daily sports newspaper, said: "It was shocking footage - brutal, ugly, violent. It was the kind of film which takes about 10 minutes to get picked up by nearly every major television news broadcast in Europe. It was one of those episodes which you can never forget."

Yet Arturi could not remember the incident and the transmission supplied neither the date of the game nor the names of the two main figures in the sequence, who Moncalvo described simply as the assassin and the victim.

Arturi made a thorough search of the newspaper's files but was unable to

So he phoned Moncalvo for clarification. Arturi described the television reporter as "reticent", but Moncalvo said that the footage was filmed by police in London and the date of May 8, 1988 was superimposed.

However, La Gazzetta's London correspondent quickly discovered that the match between the two clubs had not been played on that date and it was found that the footage had been shot by the Manchester police during a friendly game between Manchester City and United.

When the film was privately shown, the London correspondent was able to

man stand up and walk away after the City supporters had left the scene. There was no murder and the footage of the Metropolitan Police arresting a suspect was related to a totally different incident.

La Gazzetta, followed by other Italian newspapers, has written several articles about the incident.

Arturi said that the cutting of the film should not be considered as a deliberate affront to the English. He said: "It is simply a case of carelessness. The fact that it happened to be centred on an English subject is purely incidental."

At Canale 5, Emilio Fede, the news director, has expressed his regret at

locate an incident similar to the one described during the Canale 5 assault but also the supposedly murdered serious crime. He described the incident

as "a serious professional lapse." Fede explained that Moncaivo's error was due to the reporter's insufficient knowledge of English, which led to the incorrect translation of the sub-titles, accompanying the film. He also said that Moncalvo claimed that he had not seen

the entire film.
However, Fede said that Moncalvo had received a letter reprimanding him for his irresponsible work during the programme and asking him to have a more professional attitude.

Fede explained: "He has been given a yellow card. It is never easy to have to reproach a colleague. However, I am confident that Moncalvo will be more

Langer warned of Gridiron star realizes lifetime ambition future invite in Augusta rumpus

BERNHARD Langer, the by the time we teed-up. West German golfer, was terday on the eve of the Masters, which created some speculation on his future participation in a tournament which he won in 1985.

Hord W Hardin, the chairman of the Augusta National Golf Club, which stages the Masters, admitted to being displeased by an incident on Sunday when, in his opinion. his group of members was held up on the course by Langer practising. Hardin pointed out that the

Masters was an invitational tournament, while Langer stressed that he felt that if anyone had a right to be upset it should be him as he had been driven into on the

Bernhard Langer might had come onto the course at tee." the 10th and we did drive into him. The members' tee at the protest, he had failed to attend 11th is also lower down, so you cannot see the fairway expect him to be there. We not there," Langer said. "I would have thought that he have caught a cold from my

"I walked over to him and I said we did not appreciate being held up and he said that

driven into. "The fact is that Sunday is not an official practice day and he had taken his time in front of members playing their course. He would do well to remember that this is an invitational tournament, although I would not at this stage wish to go further than that. I would add that it is the intention of one official, who would be representing both sides, to speak to him."

Langer insisted that he was innocent: "If anything, I should be the one who is upset. At both the 10th and 11th holes, Mr Hardin hit shots past us. I accept that at the 10th he might not have also regard the incident as known we were there, because being distressing," Hardin the group would not have said. "We did not realize he been able to see me from the

Langer also denied that, as a the dinner on Monday for the international players. "I was not well and that is why I was

would have cleared the green daughter and it is also restrict-PREVIOUS MASTERS WINNERS

The full list of previous Masters champions is: 1934: Horton Smith: 1935: Gene Serazen; 1936: Horton Smith; 1937: Sarazen: 1936: Horton Smith; 1937: Byrton Nelson: 1938: Henry Picard; 1939: Reiph Guldahl; 1940: Jimmy Demaret; 1941: Craig Wood; 1942: Byrton Nelson; 1943-45: no tour-nament; 1948: Herman Keiser; 1947: Jimmy Demaret; 1948: Claude Harmon; 1948: Sam Snead; 1950: Jimmy Demaret; 1951: Ben Hogan; 1952: Sam Snead; 1953: Ben Hogan; 1952: Sam Snead; 1953: Ben Hogan; 1954: Sam Snead; 1955: Cary 1954: Sam Snesd: 1955: Cary Middlecoff; 1956: Jack Burke jun; 1957: Doug Ford; 1958: Amold Palmer; 1959: Art Wall jun; 1960: Amold Palmer.

1961: Gary Player; 1962: Arnolo Palmer; 1963: Jack Nicklaus; 1984: Arnold Palmer; 1965: Jack Nicklaus; 1966: Jack Nicklaus; 1967: Gay Brewer jun; 1968: Bob Goalby; 1969: George Archer; 1970: Billy Casper; 1971: Charles Coody; 1972: Jack Nicklaus; 1972: Trampy Astron-Jack Nicksus; 1972: Torniny Aaron; 1974: Gary Pisyer; 1875: Jack Nicksus; 1976: Raymond Floyd; 1977: Torn Watson; 1978: Gary Player; 1979: Fuzzy Zoeller; 1980: rayer; 137s; Fuzzy Zoeser; 1980; Severiano Bellesteros; 1981; Tom Watson; 1982; Craig Stadler; 1983; Severiano Ballesteros; 1984; Ben Crenshaw; 1985; Bermhard Langer; 1986; Jack Nicklaus; 1987; Larry Mizs; 1968; Sandy Lyle; 1989; Nick Faldo.

Hardin said that he, too, did not see Langer's absence as a he did not appreciate being protest. However, he said: "I would have appreciated him letting us know that he would not be there before he did, which was only minutes before we sat down.

> "We also do see it as discourteous that he does not play in the par-three tourment which we stage on Wednesday. I accept that Nicklaus and Seve Ballesteros also choose not to play. But it is a fact that Bernhard did not play in his second year here which was, of course, before he had become one of our champions."

Meanwhile, Greg Norman indicated that he is ready to justify the decision of the bookmakers to instal him as their 8-1 favourite ahead of Severiano Ballesteros, Curtis Strange and Nick Faldo, the defending champion . "I like playing here because it's an institution," Norman said.

"I love the tournament. But I can tell you from the moment the bell goes then the pressure is so intense that by Sunday night you have the biggest headache of your life. It drains and drains and drains

"To know that you need to feel what it's like going through Amen Corner on Saturday and Sunday with the heat on and the bad breath of a group of chasing players on the back of your neck. I'm ready for that, I'm ready for the tournament. The course is perfect, in fact the best it has ever been, and I'm ready to

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On target: as he has been so often during his career, Morten Andersen, the New Orleans Saints kicker, practising at Wembley yesterday



Andersen: pleased to be here

at Wembley for the fifth American Bowl, on August 5, Morten Andersen will realize a lifelong ambition. Ander-Danish and is well versed in the Association Football lore of the ground (Richard Wetherell writes). He took up American football when visiting the United States as an

exchange student in 1977, and found that he had a talent for kicking - so much so that he has become second most accurate kicker the National Football League has seen, succeeding with 77 per cent of his field

made four Pro Bowl appearances.

It is a long way from his days in his native Denmark, when he played soccer, in all positions, but usually centre forward. "I am really excited to be here. As a young football player, aged five, I watched Bobby Charlton and Gordon Banks play at Wembley and it will be a great thrill to play in the same stadium," he said.

Despite his enthusiasm, he no longer plays the round-ball game, but, kicking for the first time since December, he was pleased with the

WHEN the New Orleans Saints and goal attempts. He was recently voted pitch. "This field is in unbelievable

The game at Wembley will be one in a series of four organized by the NFL in countries outside the United States and provides futher proof of their commitment to export the game. On the same day, there is a same between the Denver Broncos and the Seattle Seahawks in Tokyo, Four days later, the New England Patriots and the Pittsburgh Steelers meet in Montreal. and on August 11, the Kansas City Chiefs face the Los Angeles Rams in the Olympic Stadium, Berlin.

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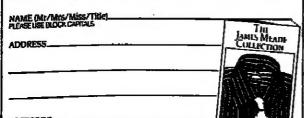
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Lamb likely to take field without injured Fraser

ENGLAND's chances of

clinging on to a precarious lead in the Cable & Wireless series will be heavily influenced this morning by a pre-match fitness test for Angus Fraser.

Fraser's importance to the England strategy cannot be overstated, but his prospects of playing in this fourth Test under Allan Lamb can be no better than even money after straining the intercostal muscle in his left side.

The injury first made itself felt last Friday, worsened on Monday and seemed, until yesterday, to give Fraser no chance of playing in this match. But a workout in the Kensington Oval nets, beginning gently and working up towards full pace, has restored

hope that the Middlesex seam bowler may yet take his place

Micky Stewart, the manager, reported: "Fraser came through quite well. He is still aware of some discomfort but it is nothing like the pain of two or three days ago, when he last bowled. If there is any reaction overnight, he cannot be considered for a five-day game, but if he feels all right and comes through another bowl in the morning he has a reasonable chance of playing.

If Fraser is ruled out, England could include a spin bowler for the first time in this series. The Barbados pitch is brown, covered with dead grass, and although likely to offer some early life, it may eventually turn.

England's policy will be dictated by concern over the form of the stand-by fast bowlers, DeFreitas and Lewis who between them conceded 98 runs in 13.3 overs during Tuesday's one-day inter-national, while off-spinner Eddie Hemmings was bowling with immaculate control.

Stewart said: "If you take out a consistent bowler like Fraser it will make a big difference to the way we look

England's other fitness doubt, for a game in which they will have more than 3.000 travelling supporters, is emergency opening batsman David Smith, whose bruised left thumb seems likely to

fewer than 28 countries last

year and there is no doubt that

Edinburgh is one of the most

popular venues on the circuit

as the athletes know they will

moter, said.

replace Miller Lite.

Scots stand by Meadowbank

SUGGESTIONS that the International Athletes Club's (IAC) grand prix meeting in Edinburgh is under threat in 1991 from a new International Amateur Athletic Federation ruling have been dismissed as "mischief-making" by Edinburgh officials.

"London is just as much under threat as Edinburgh if Britain is to have only one meeting," Bill Walker, the manager at Meadowbank Sports Centre, said last night. The Miller Lite grand prix meeting has been easily the biggest event of the year at Meadowbank for the last two seasons.

"Reports that Edinburgh failed to meet the attendance criteria are not correct, Walker said, "Our attendance last year was up on the

By a Special Correspondent previous year with well over was 22nd in 1988 but im-12,000 present." proved to 14th last year and 17th overall.

Walker responding to a report in the weekly Athletics Today, which claimed that only the top 15 meetings in Europe, evaluated on the basis of the top six performances in the best 12 events, will be accorded grand prix status by the IAAF in 1991. According to the report, the

IAAF has told meeting directors that they must meet certain criteria, including an attendance of at least 12,000, athletes from at least 15 countries and at least 10 grand prix scoring events, three of which must be women's and

three field events.

According to the Athletics

Today, London was ranked only 19th in 1988 but moved up to uinth last year to finish 13th overall, while Edinburgh

retire in three years JOHN Sillett, the Coventry

Sillett is to

City manager, wants to quit football in three years' time because of the growing pressures of manag The 53-year-old former

Chelsea and Coventry player, who has one year of his contract left, has been offered an improved three-year deal which will run from June. He is expected to sign it in May. Sillett, who took over as Coventry manager four years ago and has seen the club win the FA Cup and reach the semi-finals of the Littlewoods and Simod Cups during that time, said: "This will be the last contract I will ever sign. I have made a promise to my family that it will be for only

"Football has been my life, but there is a lot of stress and there comes a time when you have to call it a day. But before I go I would love to win the League championship with

● Dublin's Chamber of Commerce is to hold a special seminar, with the Irish team manager, Jack Chaifton, as a "We had athletes from no guest, to examine ways of combatting absenteeism among workers when the World Cup finals start in Italy in June. Tens of thousands of employees are expected to stay be well looked after," Dave off work to watch the televised

Bedford, the meeting pro-Vincent O'Doherty, the "We've had near full houses Chamber president, said: on both occasions despite The obvious thing to be diabolical luck with the weaafraid of is absenteeism, with ther and it's preposterous to suggest the meeting is-under businesses closing. We are saying there are ways it can be planned - hours and holidays can be moved, special arrange-Edinburgh officials are also ingry and suspicious over the ments can be made.

"We want to give as many timing of the story which has emerged just when the IAC is people as possible the at a delicate stage in negotiaopportunity to watch the ties, tions with a new sponsor to and not have the national economy grind to a halt,"

Wolverhampton give Mutch fine

ANDY Mutch, the Wolver-Tuesday, was yesterday fined week's wages as the club's deteriorating disciplinary reccord further threatened their prospects of qualifying for the second division promotion play-offs. Graham Turner, the Wol-

verhampton manager, confirmed the fine after Mutch was handed a three-match suspension by the Football Association for his dismissal after an elbowing incident in the 1-1 draw at Dean Court, Mutch will miss home ames with Sunderland and Oxford United and the trip to either Oldham Athletic or West Ham United, depending on when the re-arranged fixture at Boundary Park is

Turner was already resigned to being without Paul Cook and Mark Venus for next Tuesday's game with Leicester City at Molineux for collecting too many penalty points. Shane Westley must sit out the following home game, against Newcastle United, on a one-

match ban "Mutch is as upset as anyone about his sending off, but this is the last thing we need at this stage of the season," Turner said.

You can sometimes sympathize with bookings for mistimed tackles, but not something like this."

 Aston Villa are to pursue their interest in Lars Jacobsen, the Danish forward, who spent a week on trial at Villa Park last mouth Jacobsen, aged 28, scored 40 goals for Odense last season.

"We liked what we saw and hampton Wanderers forward, are following the matter up," sent off at Bournemouth on John Ward, the assistantmanager, said. Ward would not confirm reports that the manager, Graham Taylor, flew to Sweden earlier in the week to watch Stefan Schwartz, the Maimo full

"Graham has been away on club business, but that's all we're saying about it," he said. Watford supporters will be asked this weekend if they want an all-seater stadium at Vicarage Road. Every supporter attending Saturday's home game with Ipswich Town will receive a questionnaire about ground dev-

ciopment at Watford The supporters themselves should have a chance to state their opinion on how they watch their football," the Watford chief executive, Eddie Plumley, said.

 The West Bromwich Albion forward, Jason Withe, the son of the former Aston Villa and Nottingham Forest forward Peter Withe, has been given a free transfer. Withe is having a trial with the third division club, Huddersfield Town where his father is the assistant-manager

• The Reading forward,

Trevor Senior, who has been sidelined with a freak throat injury, played for the whole of a reserve game against Queen's Park Rangers on Tuesday. Senior, who sustained the injury on February 24 when he was elbowed in the throat at Bristol City, has undergone three operations because the blow smashed one cartilage behind the windpipe and badly damaged the other.

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